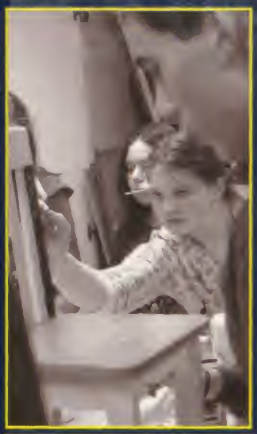

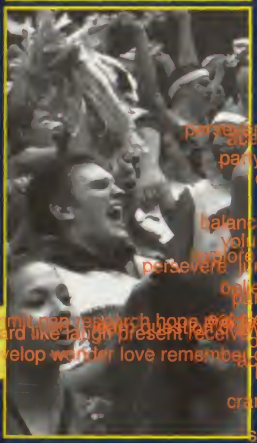

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Elisha Jachna, senior, painting a CHAIRish the Children chair for Art Club

Luke Adams, senior, surrounded by Boys' Basketball Sectional fans at Gary West Side High School

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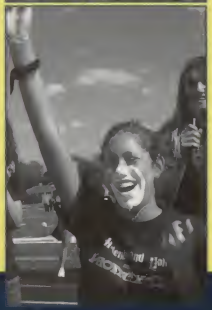

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Fist in the air, Mark Strbjak, junior, cheers on his friends at the pep rally. "It was exciting because all the students were together, and we had some good times," Mark said. "It was the first one with the new field, and it was nice to have it outside." Each grade had a section in the bleachers to watch the activities on the new track and field.

Working together, seniors Olivia Koufos and Emily Koufos complete an anatomy lab. "I absolutely loved being partnered with my sister," Olivia said. "It was nice being able to work with someone who knew you, and we could laugh and be silly. Anatomy was pretty simple, but we made the best of it and were goofy when we got to spend time together."

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Poster in hand, Matt Pruim, junior, voices his opinion at the teacher rally. "I thought it was unfair that the state was trying to cut programs such as music and art," Matt said. "That was why I wore my shirt that said 'will work for music.' Also, it was unfair how teachers got less credit than they deserved with the amount of hard work they always did."

Before the bell, Rachel Shmagranoff, senior, does her math homework in Zoology. "I did my homework only if it was due that day," Rachel said. "But I really didn't study ever. No lie."

Reacting to a three-pointer at Boys' Basketball Semistate, the student fan section waves their arms in excitement. "It was great to be there," Jake Shalen, senior, said. "I was really proud of what they accomplished." The team lost its first game of the season to Kokomo 44-47.

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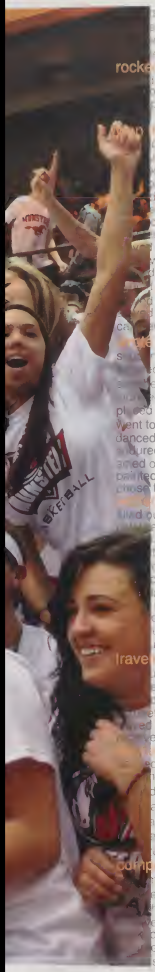

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stand together

traffic jammed all the way down Columbia Avenue, our patience dwindled as we rushed into school to make it to class by 7:45 a.m. Aug. 19. The daily school hassles like waking up at 5:50 a.m. for Zero Hour or lugging around a 23-pound backpack plagued 1,653 students, yet we kept going. Why did the student with four hours of AP U.S. History reading, an AP Chemistry test, an hour of Honors Pre-Calculus homework and a tennis match away at Kankakee Valley stay up until 3 a.m. to finish all of the work?...Because we cared.

Even though we had work piled high, we found ways to survive our six or seven classes each day. We sat in our usual booth with the same people at lunch in the Food Court, bought Fanny May candy bars from IU Honors students and found our friends in the 7-minute passing periods to travel from North to South.

We took school beyond just seven hours everyday. Coming in early for swim practice or Orchestra and staying after for Speech rehearsal occupied our time. Keeping ourselves busy, we strived to make a difference by committing to clubs like Best Buddies and donating about $3,000 from Battle of the Bands to the Riley Children's Hospital.

Activities like these continued throughout our 180-day-long journey, which grew even longer as three February snow days extended the year to June 7. Late nights of cramming for AP Biology tests and weekends consumed by Poms competitions seemed to prolong the year even more. But breaks along the way made school pride soar with Superfans backing the Boys' Basketball Team all the way to the Final Four, chanting,

"this is how we do it!"

from the Aquatic Center and the football field to the track and roads, new additions

upgrade

facilities and improve opportunities

touring the Aquatic Center, visitors and fans stood amazed by the 50-meter Olympic size pool with 10 lanes. Hooked and floating bulkheads divided the pool, and jet propellers lay in front of the diving boards, allowing divers to break the water more easily.

"The pool gave improved opportunities for swimmers and pride to the community," Mr. Michael Smith, athletic director, said. "The swim team trained in one of the best swim facilities in the country."

Along with an advanced pool, a fresh track with bright white and yellow lines replaced the old one. Going from six lanes to eight lanes all the way around and 10 lanes on the straight aways, runners had more room to practice. The track encircled the newly finished football field as well. Glowing with a vibrant green color, the field excited football players, according to Matt Collison, senior.

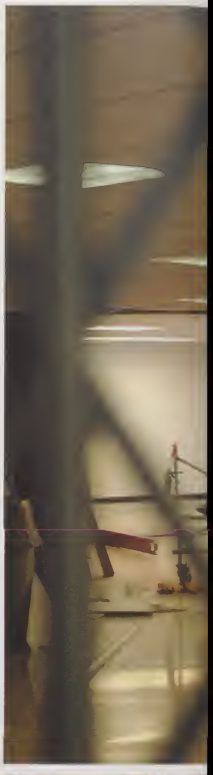
"It was a good thing to upgrade instead of trying to replace the grass or maintain it every year after it got torn up," Matt said. "Having this new field, we wouldn't have to replace it all the time, and it will last many years of football competition. Also, I thought it was a great experience to play on the new field."

Also upgraded were the roads surrounding the school, such as Columbia Avenue. Major road construction clogged streets and parking lots before completion. Darkened from light grey to jet black, renewed roads were ready to be used and eased the traffic. On the new streets, a painted walkway from the school to the soccer and football field served as a pathway for pedestrians.

Along with these external upgrades came the internal ones of technology in classrooms. Teachers in the added pods frequently used "Elmos" and "Smartboards." Students also replaced outdated technology with internet-accessible phones and iPads. Students like Deepa Devanathan, junior, used a Kindle, containing all the information she needed.

"I had 30 books on it," Deepa said. "I liked it because it was portable, and you had all your books available at once."

Advancing in facilities and technology, students received improved opportunities in both athletics and academics.



finishing off
Peering through the gate, students could see construction workers place the last touches on the extension of the Commons that lead to the new Aquatic Center. "The gate was up so that students wouldn't go in because they wanted to keep it clean, and anything on the other side was still the property of the construction company," Mr. Mike Smith, athletic director said.

tech savvy
Instead of using books Catherine Vlahos, senior, researches for AP Composition. "Technology like the laptop brought convenience," Catherine said. "Also, I knew a couple classes that used the Elmos, which was a nice upgrade from overhead projectors."

keep track
Eyes on the soccer ball, football player Amber Kimbrough, freshman, sprints during a pep rally activity on the new track. "It was pretty cool being on the new track," Amber said. "I liked the way the track kind of gave you a sort of 'bounce' with each step. It was pretty cool. The new track was way better than the old one; the old track was hard and ugly. It was time for a new track."

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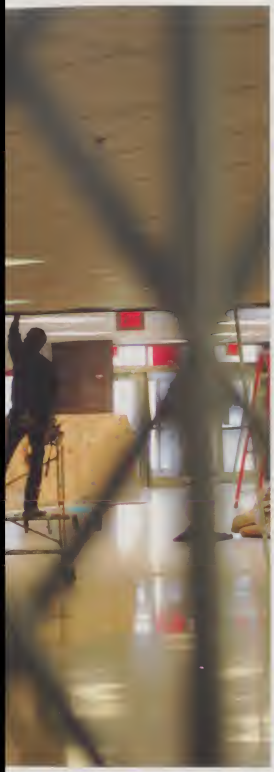


Touring the Aquatic Center, classes get to see the result of all the construction during study halls. **Ready to plunge in,** Cara Leeney, junior, pushes off the diving board."I loved the new pool!" Cara said. "We were able to get more accomplished at practice because we had four boards instead of two, and with our own diving well, we could have practices at any time! We also had a bubbler system and robes, so it was easier to learn new dives." **Not nearly done,** the construction process of the pool continues. **In awe of the new pool,** students walk along the bridges during class tours and familiarized themselves with the new area.

down the line
With gleaming red in the end zone, football players kneel in honor of the new field. Past football players gathered to witness the football field after its completion.

walk it out
On their way to track practice, freshmen Ryan Brickman, Jeffrey Kikkert and Jeff Wieser walk across the new pathway from the school to the new track. This painted walkway came along with the road construction on Columbia Avenue.

on the pavement

Chalk in hand, Matt Pruim, junior, and his Spanish class go outside to conjugate irregular verbs. "I already understood the lesson pretty well, so going outside didn't help me learn it," Matt said. "It was fun to go outside and reinforce the lesson."

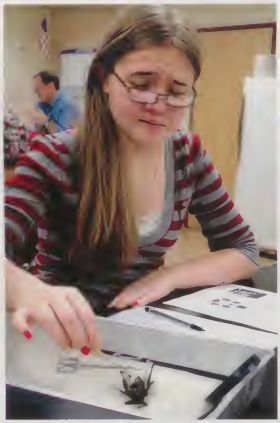
in check

students use PowerParent to check their grades online instead of having to wait for their teachers to get their homework and tests back to them.

"I checked PowerParent at least three times a day, unless I should be getting it back soon. Then it was way more often!"
-Kendall Goldberg, sophomore

"I checked my grades about once a week. That way I could stay updated on my grades and know what I need to get on upcoming tests."
-Hannah Leary, senior

"I rarely ever checked my grades online. I normally just waited until I got my papers back. Knowing my grades right away wasn't a big deal to me."
-Evan Frystak, junior

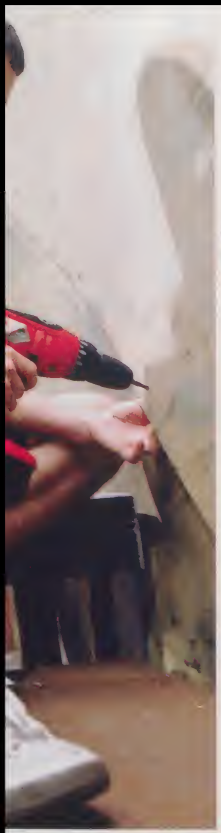


picked apart

Disgusted from her dissection, Lisa Arndt, junior, carefully cuts open a grasshopper in her Zoology class. "It was so gross. It would not cut open," Lisa said. "Then, when it finally opened, all its guts spilled out! It was just disgusting."

study buddies

Working on a practice test in AP U.S. History, juniors Steven Swingler and Nick Brajak partner up to study for their upcoming test. "One of us would answer the question, and then the other would usually agree," Nick said. "If you had a partner that was smart that you got along with, it usually worked out well."



whether playing monopoly or spending class outside, students find new ways to think, ask,

learn

without using the normal textbook and classroom method

While the rest of the class packed up their pens and notebooks toward the end of AP U.S. History, Jack Laszlo, junior, clicked "Save," pressed the home button and tucked his iPad away.

"In APUSH, notes were everything. I took a lot of notes in class and a lot of notes from the reading," Jack said. "With an iPad, I could type faster and organize my class notes and reading notes a lot better."

The use of ELMO Visual Presenters, instead of the conventional overhead projector, made students pay better attention, according to Catherine Sobilo, sophomore.

"ELMO's were cool because they showed colored images, and teachers didn't have to make transparencies—they could just use the same notes sheets or worksheets they gave us," Catherine said. "When teachers used ELMO's, I think that it definitely captured my attention. I loved them. It made me want one!"

Teachers found ways to keep their students interested in the lesson and upcoming projects. In Mr. David Russell's, English teacher, Creative Writing class, students had to build a fort to inspire them for an upcoming writing assignment: to write and illustrate children's stories.

"The children's stories were great because we were actually going to read them to second and third graders at the elementary schools," Liz Wadas, senior, said. "Normally, when you had an assignment, you just turned it in, and then you were pretty much done with it. It was cool to get to do something real with our stories."

Studying in groups became much easier and frequent for William Greenlaw, sophomore, when he started using Skype.

"I think I preferred using Skype (to meeting in groups in person) because I never had to leave my house," William said. "I could multi-task. If I were in a normal study group, I'd be kind of limited as to what I would be able to do. It was less confusing than texting or a phone call, but more convenient than meeting in person."

From building forts to using Skype calling as an alternate to studying in groups, students found out-of-the-ordinary ways to study and learn.

change of scenery
Electric screwdriver in hand, Patrick Moffitt, senior, builds a type of scenery called a flat in his Tech Theater class. "I learned how much work goes into the behind-the-scenes part of a play," Patrick said. "It was a lot more than I thought."

building monopolies
Ready to expand her monopoly, Logan Foreit, junior, reaches into the bag of pieces in her AP U.S. History class. "We were learning about business in the 1920's," Logan said. "We played Monopoly to experience how it was."

making waves
Hand pressed against hand, Colleen Jones, junior, and her Earth Space class acted as part of a demonstration of how P waves and S waves work. "It was nice to have a hands-on demonstration," Colleen said. "It was different to go outside instead of having it explained in the classroom."

whether cheering on the team at Semistate or decorating a friend's locker with balloons, students

energize

their routines with school spirit

-O M-U-N-S-T-E-R! What's that spell? Go Munster!" Alex Ingoglia, junior, shouts at the Boys' Varsity Basketball Semistate game.

Screaming, chanting and cheering all contributed to the wild and supportive nature of Superfans. Whether supporting teammates and classmates, baking cupcakes for a friend's birthday or simply having school spirit, students found different motives to attend sporting events and partake in spirit-filled activities.

Luke Kurowski, senior, not only went to almost every game, but also believed in a special Superfan philosophy.

Luke believed Superfans helped people get out of the mindset that social interaction remained difficult in high school. Some students who were comfortable acting crazy at home remained introverted at school. They felt they must "conform to a standard," according to Luke. Being a part of the group took shy people and broke down their social barrier to help them, "become a part of the family."

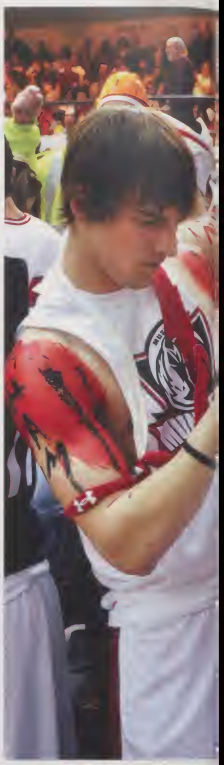
Mike Gauthier, senior, had a different outlook about Superfans.

"Being a Superfan meant going all out for games and cheering on your team," Mike said. "I was a Superfan because being a senior meant you had to really take charge and get the rest of the students to cheer. The best part was just being with everyone and all having a common team to cheer for. It made for some good memories!"

Not only did students have spirit at games, but during school as well. Decorating lockers, bringing balloons and baking cupcakes served as ways for friends to celebrate birthdays and special occasions.

"I loved when my friends decorated my locker for my birthday!" Tatiana Padilla, sophomore, said. "It was nice knowing my friends cared about me. I thought it was really important to support your friends because they were the ones you spent all your time with at school. It made the mundane school day seem brighter and more exciting."

Whether students brought colorful balloons for a friend's birthday or shouted at the top of their lungs at basketball games, school spirit brightened their everyday lives and experiences.

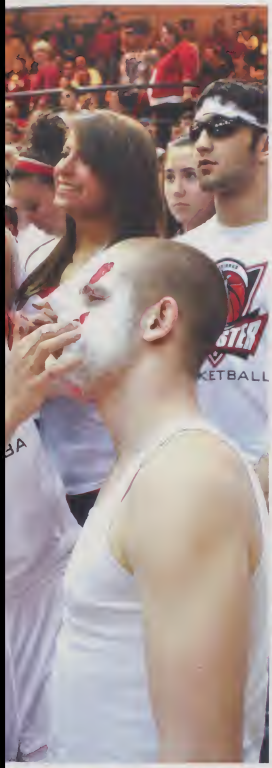


pre-game preparation
Before the Boys' Varsity Basketball Semistate game against Kokomo, Billy Ambry, senior, paints an "M" on Jack Seaman's, senior, face. The student section had many cheers and ways of boosting the players' spirits during the game. For example, Superfans would wave red and white socks, towels and shirts in the air to display their mustang pride.

fiesta football
After the Varsity Football Team scores a touchdown, juniors Anthony Gomez, Zak Kulam and other Superfans shake their maracas in celebration. "We had a great crowd that night, and everyone was pumped," Zak said. "We decided to get away from the regular chants by doing something crazy."

wild and crazy
Decked out in hard hats, construction clothes and Munster spirit wear, Superfans Kyle Miller, senior; Paul Cristo, junior; Kyle Wargo, senior; and Tyler Musgrove, senior, lead the student section in a rampant cheer during the Boys' Varsity Basketball Semistate game against Kokomo.

holiday spirit
Dressed up for "Ugly Sweater Day" in AP U.S. History, Alison Reba, junior, does homework in study hall after taking the Civil War test. "It was especially fun because everyone looked ugly together, and it was funny, getting the same weird looks in the hallways from other people," Alison said.



cheers & chants

throughout the basketball and football seasons, Superfans support their teams with several creative ways to get the crowd and players pumped

Big Boy Stomp

"We did this at halftime at all the big games. Paul Cristo,junior, and Kyle Miller, senior, would go to the front of the student section, and everyone would shake and go 'ooooooo.' Then they would stomp their left foot and we'd fall that way, then they would stomp their right foot and we'd fall that way. Lastly, they would do a chest bump and fall over then everyone in the student section would fall down."

Silent Night

"We got this from a college called Taylor University. What we did was everyone in the student section sat down and didn't cheer until the team scored 8 points in the game, then everyone jumped up and started going crazy. We used this to get the whole student section into the game and a way for us to start out crazy."

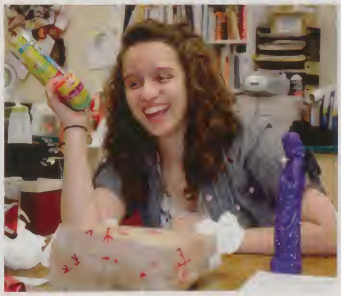
Sirens

"This was done during free throws at basketball games. While the person was at the free throw line everyone in the crowd would do their own alarm or siren (examples: car siren, ambulance siren, alarm clock, fire truck horn, etc.). It was just a way to get loud and try to distract the free throw shooter with annoying noises that bug people."

sources: juniors Alex Ingoglia and Anthony Gomez

hands in the air

Screaming at the top of their lungs at the Boys' Basketball sectional game against East Chicago Central, Superfans and cheerleaders celebrate the win."It was so exciting when all the fans stormed the court at the end when they won," Renee Zapinski, sophomore, said.



calculus caroling

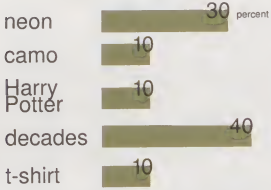
On the day before winter break, seniors Shallee Kumar, Samantha Morse, Erica Keeler, Andjela Radmilovic and many other students sing AP Calculus BC Christmas carols. "It was a tradition for Mrs. Pflum," Erica said. "I thought people got into holiday spirit because everyone was anxious to get out of school for two weeks, and because it was the best time of the year!"

secret surprises

After opening her Secret Santa present during Publications, Beatriz Costa Lima, junior, laughs after receiving Play-Doh and a sparkling Jesus bank. "Secret Santa was great for us because we were all close, so it was a great way to lift our spirits, especially since we had to work really hard at the end of break," Beatriz said."The gifts were always fun and interesting since we knew each other so well."

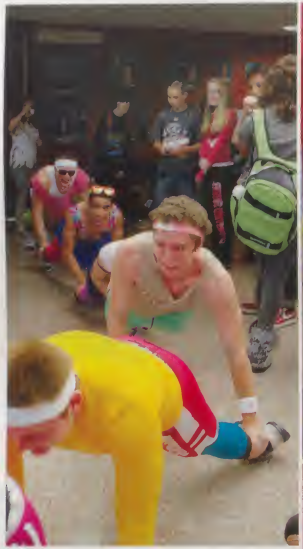
favorite spirit days

students vote for their favorite spirit days



source: Crier survey of 417 students on Oct.1

high spirits
While working out in the Commons on 80's work out day, Alyssa Schweitzer, senior, prepares to catch a medicine ball. Decades day was one of the most popular spirit days. The seniors participated in the annual workout in the Commons on decades day.



senior spirit

Posing for pictures, seniors Tyler Musgrove and Jordan Raynor hug. "I just didn't care what I was going to wear so I wore girls' clothes," Tyler said. "We were hugging because he was also wearing girl clothes and we were imitating girls when they take pictures." **During lunch,** Alyssa Bizoukas, senior, eats her sandwich on Steve Urkel day. "As a senior, I really believe spirit week brought our class closer," Alyssa said. "It was also a wake up call that it was senior year and we had to have as much fun as possible!" **After three years of waiting** to participate in the senior workout, Luke Kurowski, senior, does pushups with his classmates. "We were just having a good time," Luke said. "I The great thing about that day was you didn't do homework, you just spent time with the people you've gone to school for four year with."

students created ways to

celebrate

Spirit Week through costumes and traditions

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry replaced school on Wednesday during Homecoming week. Witches, wizards, and rare magical creatures from the Dark Forest roamed the halls of the school on their Firebolts or their many legs.

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series inspired the theme of homecoming. Students had the opportunity to dress up as their favorite Harry Potter character, such as Harry, Ron, Hermione, Draco, or even Fluffy, the three-headed dog guarding the secret door leading to the coveted Sorcer's Stone.

"Harry Potter Day was an awesome day because it is my favorite series of novels," Jessica Bhavsar, sophomore, said. "I'm a total Harry Potter freak. I love the thought and magic behind the series."

Spirit Week came with many traditions, but brought some new ones as well. Powder Puff football, a new event added to the Homecoming itinerary, served as a way for girls to get involved and support the Athletic Department. Junior and senior girls signed up for Powder Puff and participated in a flag football game. The girls practiced a few days a week and played one game against each other where the seniors won 14-7.

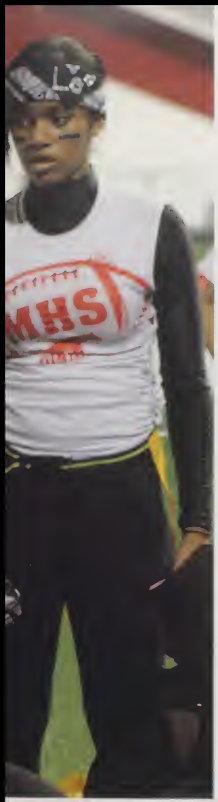
"They should definitely do it again next year," Kelsey Surma, senior, said. "The entire guys' football team came out to support us, and the competitive factor was something all the girls could get into."

The Speech and Debate Chicken BBQ Dinner brought the town together the Friday night before the football game. The BBQ started in the 1960's and has raised a large amount of money for the teams.

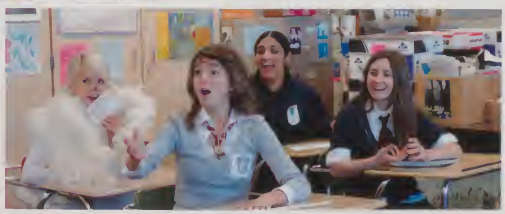
Mrs. Suzanne Lusk, mother of Erin Lusk, sophomore, has attended the BBQ since she attended Munster High School as a freshman.

"The barbecue was one of the events we looked forward to the most," Mrs. Lusk said. "It brought back so many memories. My strongest memory was walking home from school and smelling the aroma of the cooking chicken, getting me excited to go later that night."

Homecoming gave students a chance to show their school spirit, express themselves, and come together.



game on
After a call against the juniors, Nicole Rakich, junior, voices her opinion on it. "Powder Puff was so much fun because it was a new tradition and went to a good cause," Nicole said. "It was a good competition between the junior and senior girls." Powder Puff, a new activity for Homecoming week, allowed the junior and senior girls to get involved during the week.



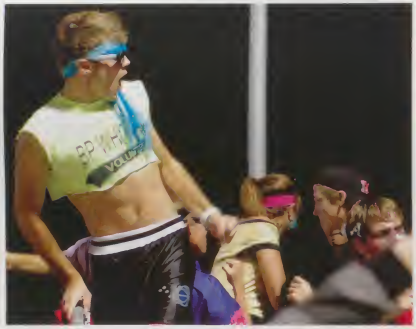
hogwarts for a day
Before French 4 begins, juniors Kate Lasser, Niki Griggs, Deepa Devanathan and Kaiky Kawaley laugh at their Harry Potter costumes. "We just laughed about how ridiculous we looked, but it was fun," Niki said. "Spirit Week was something that brought the school together. It was week where we could dress up and have a lot of fun."

dressed in disguise
With face painted, Courtney Zunica, freshman, takes a drink of Gatorade. Students wore hunting gear, face paint, or even fake leaves or grass on camouflage day. Each spirit day allowed students to show school spirit, and express themselves through crazy costumes.

rope it in
Tugging hard, juniors Scott Jerge, Alex Ingoglia, Chris Tassaro and Chris Slivka compete against the faculty. "Unlike all the old teachers, we younger guys were strong," Chris Tassaro said. "It felt great to beat the teachers who were responsible for all of the homework and tests."

cheer on
With a smile on her face, Brittaney Bermingham, senior, cheers on the pep rally participants. "As a cheerleader, we pumped up the crowd with school spirit and got them excited for the Homecoming game later that night, and we ended up winning, so it worked!" Brittaney said.

pump it up
Decked in 80's workout clothes, Mike Gauther, senior, revved up the crowd with various chants. At the Homecoming game, kids packed the student section and made their voices heard.



juniors float to victory

seniors: Harry Potter

juniors: Voldemort

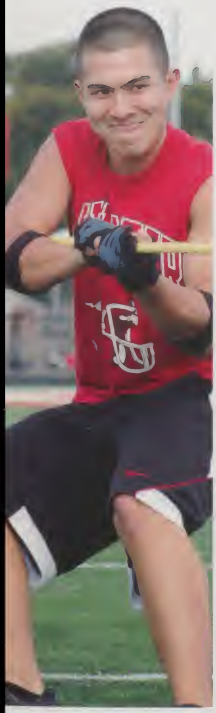
sophomores: Dumbledore

on your marks
Determined to earn a win, Bobby Carlson, senior, kneels in the ready position. "The activities were competitive," Bobby said. "The activities brought out good school spirit, though."

with competitive games during the pep rally and the Homecoming football game, students strive to

dominate

their opponents through determination and effort



Putting the new football field to use, Sarah Dedelow, junior, clutches a broomstick as if she were soaring through the air and dashes through the obstacle course to snatch another junior victory at the pep rally. The competition between the grades intensified from activity to activity.

With each grade in their designated section, students lined the bleachers and rooted for their representatives to win each activity. Participants smothered their faces with whipped cream in the pie-eating contest, sprinted through the obstacle course and used their strength in the tug-o-war. Having the pep rally outside allowed for better activities, according to Kristin Augustyne, senior.

"I think it was awesome having the pep rally outside because we had the new field, and we weren't in the hot gym," Kristin said. "We also had more space to do better activities."

With blue skies and sunshine, the pep rally excited students for the game later that night, according to Jessica Avina, freshman. Along with competitive events and sports announcements, each grade's floats rolled by to show off the students' work.

"I was excited to see our work finished and proudly representing the Junior Class," CEC member David Straka, junior, said. "We spent around three hours on four different days on the float. All of the days were fun because we had a lot of food and music."

The music, cheering and celebration persisted the whole week leading up to the pep rally and the Homecoming game. Seniors continued Spirit Week right into the football game and cheered on the Mustangs while decked out in 80's work-out costumes.

"Seeing the seniors dressed up really got everyone else pumped up. There were so many fans there," Aaron Handley, sophomore, said. "It was the only time the whole student section was full, and kids were in the walkways because of the little room. It was an intense atmosphere."

Supported by an earsplitting fan section, the football team defeated Hobart 24-7. The student section roared chants like, "Let's go, Mustangs, let's go!" to confirm the Homecoming game's victory. After each touchdown, horns screeched and shrieks echoed throughout the football field. Once the last quarter ended, kids still remained, partying in the stands to celebrate the end to a spirited week.

a royal surprise Taken aback, Olivia Koufos, senior, hears her name as Homecoming queen. "It felt amazing to be elected!" Olivia said. "I was beyond shocked and excited!"

Homecoming court Jenna Cecil, Shelby Sarnowski, Nina Ogrizovich, Olivia Koufos, Alyssa Bizoukas, Sarah Clusserath

filling the beaker with an unknown solution, Brianna Meyer, senior, follows the procedure for the titration lab in AP Chemistry. After completing the labs, students had to answer questions and find the percent error. Having labs at least once a week enhanced the students' learning experience because they provided hands-on activities that related to their lessons.

during an after school practice, Tommy Costello, senior, warms up his passing to Michael Ortiz, senior. "Everyday we put in a lot of work because we had two hour practices," Tommy said. "During the off season, I worked out four times a week, and on Saturdays, I would do cardio, run five miles and bench. Also, before games, we scrimmaged everyday after practice."

we...

measure up

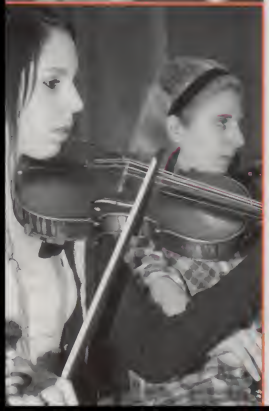
Stumbling into first hour exhausted from last night's DECA study session, three hours of Spanish 4 studying and a physics problem set, the day seemed like it would go on forever. Balancing sports and clubs, our activities forced us to find time to squeeze in hours of homework and studying. Whether it meant staying up until 2 a.m. or waking up at 4:30 a.m., we finished.

Sports and clubs constantly took up our time before and after school and on weekends. Waking up at 4 a.m. for the Glenbrooks Speech and Debate meet or getting home at 11 p.m. from a track meet at Lowell drained our energy and took up a considerable amount of time, yet we didn't stop working and doing our best. Why? We wanted to win.

With a combination of work and determination, we obtained the results we wanted. Speech, DECA and We the People placed first at State, while Orchestra and Marching Band won Gold Ratings at ISSMA. Sports teams excelled as well. The Boys' Varsity Basketball team made it all the way to the Final Four and the Girls' Golf Team qualified captain Kamryn Klawitter for State for the second consecutive year. Awards and accomplishments like these made us strive for our best and continued to represent our school well.

Even though we had to juggle the daily annoyances of school and homework with the countless hours of after school activities, we still went above and beyond to achieve our goals because we

work hard.



At 6:45 a.m., Maya Portillo, sophomore, warms up with the Orchestra during Zero Hour. They practiced every morning in order to prepare for ISSMA competitions and concerts. "Since I played for so long, I didn't practice too much unless I had a hard part," Maya said. "I had to get up every morning, so it required lots of dedication. You had to be committed because if you weren't, it wasn't fun."

after hours

students encounter obstacles while preparing for tests and find ways to overcome them

Walking into Panera Bread, Chandani Bhatt, senior, gets ready to study for an upcoming AP Calculus test. Chandani regularly met with groups of friends at places such as Panera Bread or Starbucks Coffee to study for tests.

"I absolutely loved studying in groups, and it helped a ton!" Chandani said. "We usually grabbed a bite to eat while we were there, which made it better."

Students had various ways of studying for tests. While some like Chandani used study groups, others like Julia Eskander, freshman, believed studying in groups wouldn't provide the best outcome in the end.

"I knew something would distract me if I used study groups," Julia said. "I would've studied with one or two people at most in my room with no distractions."

Each student found their own method of learning test material. Some methods included flash cards, color-coding notes or reading from the book. Annie Burke, sophomore, memorized material by putting them into a song. Using that method helped Annie learn dates, names and events for her AP Art History class.

"It was way easier to memorize the lyrics to a song than some boring diagram or chart," Annie said. "I loved musicals, so I used a lot of songs off Broadway, but I also used more recent bands."

The environment while studying affected how well people studied. Many things served as distractions while studying, such as TV, the Internet, texting and music. However, some people worked more productively with white noise in the background.

"I always had to have music playing while I was doing homework," Daniel Cantu, junior, said. "It relaxed me. I didn't put on crazy, obnoxious music, but something I could enjoy listening to. My favorite artists to listen to were Drake and Kanye West."

Students also encountered time management when studying for tests. In some classes, such as Mr. Lopez's AP U.S. History (APUSH) class, students had the option of studying days in advance, rather than waiting to study all of the material the night before.

"I took notes when I read to review for the APUSH tests," Kyle Ruckert, junior, said. "It was impossible to review 30-40 page chapters before a test. I spent at least an hour a night on APUSH."

Students found their own ways of coping with studying. Whether in groups, alone, or jamming out to Kanye West, students learned how to manage their time and find a way to get all their studying done.

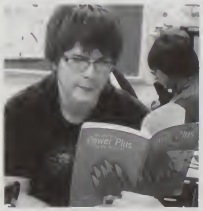
study session
To understand his homework better, Earnest Caston-Jenkens, junior, works with Mr. Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher. Going in to see teachers provided students with a chance to ask questions about subjects they didn't understand. "That was what teachers were here for," Mr. Shinkan said. "If there were any questions on the topic, you went to the teacher to get an explanation." Understanding the subject of a test was important when studying.

jotting it down
Because they were working on verbs conjugations in Spanish 3, sophomores Briana Zunica and Niko Karagan write sentences with stem-changers. Students found that repetition, like practicing with verbs, helped learn the material for the upcoming test. "It was just like practice," Briana said. "At first, it might have seemed confusing and hard to understand, but once you kept working on it, it seemed to stick with you."

passing the time
Lounging on a bench near the Commons, Jill Rademacher, sophomore, studies while she waits for her mom to pick her up. Students tried to take advantage of the extra time they had to finish work that they needed to get done. "Doing my homework before and after school gave me more time hang out with my friends and relax after school," Jill said.

match up
Trying to put the character cards with their descriptions, sophomores Sammy Dong, Annie Burke and Liz Lanman work with each other to find the cards that went together. "Working with people was good because you could help each other out if we got stuck or couldn't remember something," Annie said. Working in groups allowed students to learn from each other.

I study by... students share study methods



cram before class
Sneaking in some last minute studying before a vocabulary test, Conrad Navarro, junior, reviews the words. "Studying the period before my test worked fine for me because I had a photographic memory," Conrad said.

Devin Zuck, sophomore, studied by...
- getting out his iPod and finding softer music, typically piano music
- reading the book
- looking over vocab
- going through detailed notes

Emily Milojkovitch, junior, studied by...
- eating food
- perusing Facebook
- listening to music, ranging from hip hop to rap to classical
- trying to study quickly
- going through notes

hard core

students share their hardest classes

"English, because grammar was really hard for me, and I didn't like reading."

-Alyse Dittrich, freshman

"Chemistry because there were lots of new concepts involved. Mole problems were really tough for me. I studied and went in during Contact Time to get help."

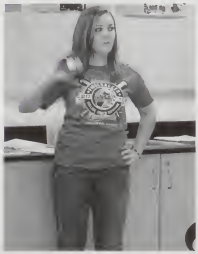
-Anthony Giannini, sophomore

"My hardest class was definitely Honors Physics. I'd never seen any of the equations before, so I had no basis of the subject. I had to study harder and pay a lot of attention in class to keep up."

-Hannah Buvala, junior

"Pre-Calculus, the tests were really hard. I tried to study harder and look over my notes more."

-Ryan Shreibak, senior



beat the clock
Watching the clock, Hailey Estes, sophomore, makes sure she lets the chemicals develop the film long enough. "Photography was hard if you didn't put any effort into it," Hailey said. "The tests were really meticulous because you had to know exactly what you were doing."

numbers and didgets
During class, Erin Pluard, junior, works on her Pre-Calculus homework. "Pre-Caclulus was a tough class for me, with homework every night and the material itself," Erin said. "I tried to keep up with everything by doing all of the homework and asking for help."

weigh down

from flash cards to Contact Time, students find ways to get through and commit to hard classes

After two hours of hard-core studying for an Honors Spanish 4 test, Megan Miller, junior, finally put the book down. The amount of time she spent on Spanish 4 depended the homework assigned each night, according to Megan.

"As much as I loved learning Spanish, this particular class required a lot of practice and self-teaching," Megan said. "It was hard to find time for that."

Megan, like other students, ran into the problem of time management when it came to a difficult class. She learned how to plan ahead to fit in extra time.

At 7:40 a.m. every Tuesday, Rachel Corradin, sophomore, could always be found in Mr. Joseph Sokol's math room. Going into his class in the morning helped her learn how to do the difficult problems on the homework and allowed her to ask questions about the section, according to Rachel.

"It (Contact Time) helped me because I could ask about the specific problems that were the hardest," Rachel said. "I could figure them out on the board with help instead of going crazy attempting to do them myself."

Every Tuesday students had the opportunity to go to a teacher's classroom and get extra help if needed. Rachel and other students took advantage of Contact Time to get help with homework, ask questions or make up a test.

Quickly looking at flashcards before class started Tim Kearney, senior, studied for a government test. Government involved policies and learning about the different branches of the government. The class taught things that went beyond the book and the students were expected to know those things for the test, according to Teddy Niemiec, senior.

"I never took notes in any of my classes in high school, since I had a pretty good memory and could learn it well the first time around," Teddy said. "But that class offered so much material in so little time that in order to survive the class, I actually had to take good notes."

Working overtime, Jessica Avina, freshman, tried to memorize genetics rules before her Honors Biology test. Studying played a large part of Jessica's routine.

"It was my hardest class because there are many different parts that tie into it," Jessica said. "I usually didn't understand things until the day before the test. I didn't spend a lot of time on it until the day before the test."

Many classes could be considered easy or hard. Whether self-teaching, asking for help, or taking detailed notes, students found their own, unique way to fight their way through difficult classes.

tip the scale
Using the four by four scale, Michael Kitchell, sophomore, meticulously measures out a solid in a chemistry lab. "I was not good at science," Michael said. "To keep up, I studied a lot more and put more time and effort into what we were working on."

check it out
Before the first hour bell rings, sophomores Jabree Ellis and Erica Tritsch check their answers for an Honors English 10 practice test outside on Mr. David Russell's door. "We were getting ready for a really hard punctuation test," Erica said. "I tried to review my notes every day, and Mr. Russell answered any questions if I needed help."

read between the lines
As she waits for class to start, Stephanie Grabarczyk, senior, reads a book for a class. Reading novels or short stories during the year caused students to think beyond what the book says and interpret the author's message.

study break
Because Mr. David Franklin, science teacher, doesn't let students study in class, Santhosh Narayan, senior, Alyssa Sheets, junior, and Zak Kulam, junior, study in the hallway for an AP Biology test. AP courses required a large amount of studying because of the large amount of material taught.

lay back

from relaxing outside during Study Hall to chatting at lunch, students create ways to make their daily routines bearable

US History, Pre-Calculus, Honors Micro-Biology, Honors Physics, English, and French 4. Ana Dominguez, junior, endured 90 days with this exact schedule. Each student had his or her own way of making it through this never-ending cycle called school.

"I tried making the best of it," Ana said. "I didn't think about all the homework and tests because that just stressed me out. Instead, I thought of classes as a place where I got to see all my friends."

Seeing friends and socializing served as a break for students like Ana. During the seven-minute passing periods, kids sauntered towards their next class, while chatting with each other. However, for some seeing friends did not break the monotony of school enough. Students searched for any variation in their normal schedules, such as an outdoor activity or a birthday celebration.

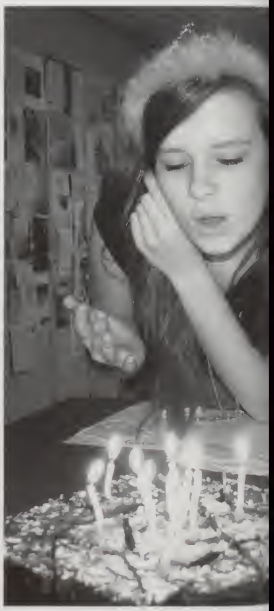
"I would get really happy when we had a substitute teacher," Adam Stepanovic, senior, said. "Whenever I saw that we had a sub, I knew that I had a good class period to look forward to. We would probably watch a movie or get put into groups and pretend that we were working."

Not only did Adam see classes as repetitive, but he thought lunches went through a similar cycle as well. With two rotating menus, the lunches remained the same every other week. Students like Alexa Johnson, junior, enjoyed a daily visit to the soup and salad bar, while others desired a variety in their meals.

"I thought the repetitive lunch was good, but sometimes I got sick of it and needed a change, so I brought a lunch" Ishani Sharma, freshman, said.

Whether tedious lunches or classes, students appreciated little alterations like watching a movie in class or the Friday Dessert at lunch that Kori Kirby, senior, loved. Despite the routine six classes Ana attended, she made the most of it and enjoyed the slightest changes to brighten up the day.

book worm
Outside during Study Hall, Jack Laszlo, junior, sprawls out on the grass with a book. "It was nice outside, so I wanted to be outside," Jack said. "It was a nice break in the day."



game time
Playing hangman in school, Logan Ruiz, senior, enjoys a break from the normal six class schedule. Whenever students found a chance to stray away from routine academics, they took the opportunity and played some games or snuck in a quick nap to relax.

pal to pal
In Creative Writing, Jonathan Wachala, senior, spends time with his third grade pen pal. "It was really nice to have our pen pals come," Jonathan said. "We visited Eads awhile ago, and they loved showing us their classrooms and art projects and what not, so it was nice to give them a tour of the high school."

celebrate good times
Decked out in masks and beads, seniors Rachel Shmagranoff and Ashley Pickett celebrate Mardi Gras in French. "Mardi Gras was a day that was semi-carefree, and days like that helped school go by so much faster," Rachel said.

down time
With a nail polish brush in hand, Kari Dillner, junior, paints her nails in class. "There was nothing else to do," Kari said. "I was just wasting time because I was really bored, and things like that made the day go by faster."

birthday bash
With a crown on her head, Morgan Boyd, junior, blows out the candles on her 17th birthday cake. "Celebrating my birthday in Pub really allowed me to relax from the stress of school for a couple of minutes," Morgan said. "It really made my birthday special, and I felt completely ecstatic to have the *Crier* staff to take time to celebrate it with me. It made the day 10 times more special."

make the day students break the daily cycle of school

"I liked Study Hall because we could talk with our friends and just hang out."
-Nathan Kondamuri, sophomore

"Lunch was my favorite because I got to talk to everybody I didn't see all day."
-Alyse Dittrich, freshman

play some tunes
Strumming the guitar, Jeremias Casas, junior, brings music into the classroom. "Usually I brought my guitar for an assignment," Jeremias said. "On rare occasions like this or maybe the last day before a break, a teacher would be chill and let me bring it to class."

play by ear

students find ways to express themselves through classes that go above and beyond the norm

As Milena Lukic, senior, carefully sketches characters in her sketch pad, Miles Singleton, junior, delicately sculpts a masterpiece at the same time during Mrs. Lopez's fourth hour art class.

A typical classroom didn't usually involve these out of the ordinary activities. The normal hour during the day involved falling asleep as the teacher lectured on an on about a book no one cared about, or doing worksheets and group activities. On the other hand, classes such as choir, photography, 2D art, foods and ceramics allowed students to go beyond the boring lectures and express themselves through their talents and meticulous work.

"I took art classes because I loved art so much," Milena said. "Without art in my daily schedule, I don't know how I would've made it through the day. I expressed myself through illustrating, drawing or painting what was on my mind. I took inspiration from my everyday life and interpreted in my own way, then let my imagination run wild and saw what I ended up with in the end."

Media arts, or photography, also served as a unique way for students to express themselves through a different perspective.

"Photography was a good way to have people see what I saw," Hailey Estes, sophomore said. "It was also a good way to express emotion. I wanted to take the class to learn what I could do to make my photos stand out."

Other classes such as foods or foods and fitness allowed students to take a break from the normal routine and cook up some favorite meals, while music classes allowed students to show off their talent.

Whether students expressed themselves through painting portraits in art, making pancakes in foods, playing the viola in orchestra or creating pots in ceramics, these out of the ordinary classes.

mud masterpiece
Hands smothered with clay, juniors Olivia Reda and Anthony Gomez sculpt pots in ceramics. "I really enjoyed ceramics because it was nice to have a break in the day without stress to just be creative and do something else," Olivia said.

up and over
During foods and fitness, Tyler Musgrove, senior, stretches before a warm up. "Well I mean all we did in that class was run, cook or stretch, so I liked stretching because it was definitely better than running, but not as good as cooking," Tyler said.

perfect perspective
As Christopher Rhodes, freshman, sits in the hallway during art, he contemplates how to draw his perspective picture. In Mrs. Lopez's class, art didn't just consist of drawing. Many students took part in their own painting projects and making sculptures out of weird materials.

funky food
Cooking up a masterpiece, Timothy Gomez, junior, puts diced chicken in a pan with the help of partner Katherine Van Dursen, senior, in foods. Popular dishes to make in foods included calzones, pancakes and pasta, according to Timothy.

practice makes perfect
While playing the trumpet in band, Chris Speranza, junior, tries to perfect his pieces for the ISSMA competition. "Sometimes, I felt like I could express myself better in music than in words," Chris said. "Band taught me about working hard, and we did new things we've never accomplished before."

open water
During a Sunday night swim practice, Mr. David Franklin, science teacher, teaches project bio students how to properly snorkel. "Learning to snorkel was totally worth it," Logan Forest, junior, said. "Down in Florida it was seriously amazing. It was probably one of the best experiences of my life."

shooting the moment

With photography projects being worth over 100 points, students find creative ideas and ways to express their work

"Me and my Family"
project: about his girlfriend suriving a day with his three crazy brothers
-Adam Arnold, junior

"Pointe and Shoot"
project: about a girl who had a rough day at school and dance was the thing that made her happy
-Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, sophomore

"Day in the life of a Jerd"
project: documenting members of Publications staff day of work
-Beatriz Costa Lima, junior

"Whiteout!"
project: took sister and her boyfriend to West Beach in 17 degree weather with really strong wind
-Shivani Kumar, sophomore

oh snap!
Busy in photography, Julia Adams, sophomore, rolls her film. "I needed an arts credit," Julia said. "It sounded like the class that fit me most. It was capturing moments in life; I really liked that."

easy does it

with schedules packed full of demanding classes, students find breaks during the day to take it easy

Every Wednesday morning, Erica Tritsch, sophomore, walked into her first class in a sweatshirt and sweatpants. "Comfy Wednesday," as she referred to it, became something she looked forward to.

"It was the dullest day of the week because it was right in the middle," Erica said. "On Wednesdays, I liked letting myself sleep in a little bit. I wouldn't have to worry about dressing cute since I could just wear sweats."

Even with six classes each day, students still found ways to break the monotony and the stress.

In February, Alex Ingoglia, junior, and his friends started a game of Assassin, where groups of two players tried to eliminate the other players until they remained the only ones left in the game. Drawing a three-inch mark on the back of his or her neck acted as one of eight ways to eliminate a player, according to Alex, so he took precautionary measures by wearing a scarf each day.

"When we were freshman, the juniors were doing it. We decided to wait until we all had cars so we could play," Alex said. "I got so into it because it was a lot of fun to be able to sneak around and get one of your friends. You had to watch out for other people too. It was an adrenaline rush every time I was in the hallway."

Although Levi Sasek, freshman, did feel stressed every now and then, he had two classes in which he felt at ease–his music classes.

"I had a bunch of friends in my music classes, and they were so fun and stress-free," Levi said. "It was nice to have band and choir in my schedule so I didn't have to be reading from a textbook all day."

Jessica Ivetich, sophomore, didn't feel as lucky. Right before Honors Algebra 2, her most stressful class, she went to Introduction to 2D Art, which was her favorite class.

"Art class had such a relaxed atmosphere, and we were allowed to talk to each other," Jessica said. "But I wasn't always as focused as I needed to be for math since I had just come from a really fun class."

Some students, like Anna Shehigan, junior, managed stress by giving themselves something to look forward to at the end of each week.

"Since, during the week, I had a lot of homework, I taped all my TV shows," Anna said. "That way, I just had a marathon of all the shows I missed during that week."

Whether it came from talking to friends or breaking the monotony of the normal school day, students found ways to handle stress and get themselves through the day.

disorderly conduct
Taking a seat on the desk, Chimezie Okolocha, junior, and Stephen Zajac, senior, re-enact a psychological disorder in AP Psychology. "I was playing the psychiatrist, and I was listening to Stephen, who was playing the patient," Chimezie said.

out of the norm

certain classes provided fun, alternative ways to learn

make a splash
Up before 6 am, Kayla Macadlo, senior, learns how to snorkel in Advanced Environmental Science (Project Bio). In Project Bio, students had to practice snorkeling before starting scuba diving. The class met during Zero Hour and made a trip to Florida during Spring Break, where they went scuba diving, visited a turtle hospital and camped out in the Big Pine Key Fishing Lodge.

teachers found ways to reinforce the lessons in class getting their classes to participate in interesting, hands-on activities

Creative Writing
- wrote to their pen pals and showed them around the school
- built a classroom-sized fort that had to fit everyone

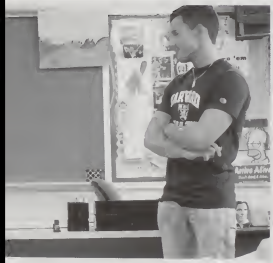
Project Biology
- woke up early for zero hour and learned how to scuba dive
- traveled to the Florida Keys over spring break and observed wildlife

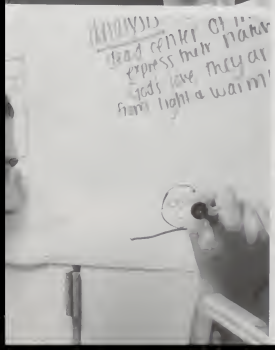
Honors Physics
- went to Six Flags Great America and rode roller coasters on Physics Day

Advanced Speech
- took a bus to Peoria, IL to Bradley University for the Armstrong Tournament

laying it down
After all of her pictures developed, Tania Cordova, sophomore, spends the class hour laying down her photo project for Media Arts. "We had to do the photo project as our final project," Tania said. "Laying down photos was one of the easiest things we did. I was relieved to finally be finishing it because it was hard to be graded on photos.

putting faces on characters
Paper taped on the wall and marker in hand, Ricky Carbajal, senior, draws Mr. Jonas Wertin, English teacher, as a character from Inferno in World Literature. "I always drew Wertin as characters from books we read," Ricky said.





fort building
Making sure their fort remains stable, seniors Elizabeth Wadas and John Paul Stevens work together on the fort they built in Creative Writing. "We were going to write and illustrate our own children's stories, so Mr. Russell wanted us to get in touch with our inner child," Elizabeth said. "Forts were something everyone did when they were little, and it was really fun to build a fort with all my classmates as a senior."

carrying the weight
As she pours another pail of sand into the bucket, Kasey Faubion, sophomore, nervously hopes her bridge carries the weight. "We built it for extra credit," Kasey said. "If you built it correctly, then you got the points, but they made it a competition. My partner and I got fifth."

standing out

with competition, motivation and AP tests, students have different perspectives about school

Hands sweating and heart beating a million times a minute, Nick Anderson, junior, waits in anticipation to get back his AP Chemistry test. As he waits, he hopes all of the studying he did paid off.

"I always strived to do well in school for a couple of reasons," Nick said. "My parents would've killed me if I didn't get good grades, but I also wanted to do well for myself because getting into a good college was always on my mind and I was kind of a nerd, so I just liked doing well."

Due to no class rank, students had the ability to relax a little and not always worry about how other students did, but the competition didn't leave. Whether students secretly wanted to do better than their classmates or wanted to beat classmates in board races in Spanish, competition soared.

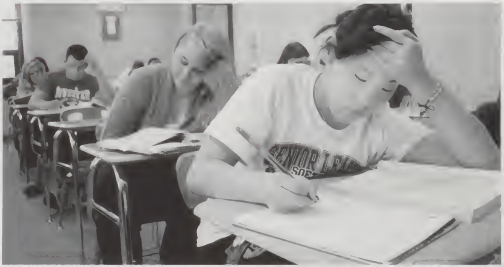
"I really did think there was a lot of competition in our school, but I definitely didn't think it was good competition," Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, sophomore, said. "People let competition get in the way of everything. School shouldn't have been about beating about your classmates, it should've been about learning."

Even though competition flourished, students still focused on themselves. During the spring, juniors, seniors and some sophomores crammed in hours and hours of studying for AP tests. Students had different motives for taking them. Some wanted to receive college credits when the went to college, but others took them for different reasons.

"I kind of took AP tests for a couple of reasons," Nick Laszlo, junior, said. "I guess if I went to a public [college] it'd be nice to get credits out of the way. But initially, I was just like well, I took the class so I might as well take the test."

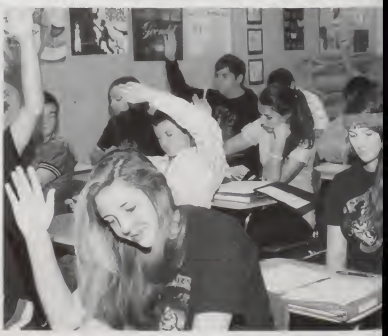
Whether students worked days ahead, studied for entire weekends or competed against classmates for grades, students demonstrated ways to be the best in the class.

dressed for success
In the lab after school, Luke Kurowski, senior, does a make-up chem lab in a suit he wore for a mock trial earlier in the day. "I loved being in the lab when no one else was there," Luke said. "It promoted a sense of education and discovery of the world. Also, no one got in your way and interfered with what you were doing."



psychology prep
Pen in hand, Stephanie Pallay, junior, Sarah Baker, senior and the rest of Mr. Kalwisinki's AP Psychology class take notes or read the "Fast Track to a Five" book. Two weeks up until the test, the class reviewed for the AP Psychology exam. "I tried to study as much as I could because I knew it was a really important test, and I definitely knew there were some things I needed to improve on," Stephanie said. "Of course, I wanted to do well. I wanted to do well because I really wanted the college credit."

perfect perspective
Sitting in the hallway, Kailey Kawalek, junior, takes notes in her AP U.S. History notebook after the Veteran's day speech. For Veteran's Day, AP U.S. History and U.S. History students went to the LGI to listen to World War II veterans talk about their experiences during and after the war.



morning madness

students discuss various activities they participate in during contact time every Tuesday and Thursday

"During contact time, I usually just sat in the cafeteria with my friends. We usually finished up some last minute homework and just talked. We went to contact time because a lot of us had Zero hour Orchestra, so we couldn't sleep and we had nothing else to do."

-Annie Burke, sophomore

"AP Chemistry was a very difficult subject for me, and it often required more teaching and aid than what the class alone could offer, so going in during contact time or study hall proved to be very helpful for me. Also, as much as Mr. Graves didn't want me to show up, I was very persistent in aquiring his aid!"

-Ben Brodsky, junior

ahead of time

During contact time, Omnya Zaman, freshman, sits with Miss Catherine Mazeikas, science teacher, on the computer to figure out directions for the Robotics club. Contact time allowed students to see teachers to ask questions and get help.

all for one

With the whole class participating, students in AP Economics raise their hands to answer questions. "The class was mostly lectures, but we did some activites to illustrate concepts that were fun," Brianna Meyer, senior, said. "I guess I liked that. One activity that I liked was when we did a stock market simulation. Basically, half the class were sellers and the others were buyers. We had to sell all the stocks in a given period of time and whoever sold the most won."

best in show

Calling her Paragon yearbook staff members to inform them on receiving their division's first place Best in Show award at the Journalism Education Association/National Student Press Association National High School Journalism convention, Copy Editor Christiann Tavitas, junior, couldn't contain her excitement. "I called (Paragon editor-in-chief Parina Mamar, junior) to tell her that we won," Christiann said.
"When I was talking to Parina, she said, 'No, I don't believe you!.' I had to scream at her to get her to believe us."

think again

second guessing answers and making important decisions pushed students to think again before they acted

Eric Etter, junior, turned in each test with confidence. When it came to tests, Eric did not second-guess himself.

"I've always thought that if I know something, I know it, and if I don't, I don't," Eric said. "Checking my work didn't really help me because once I decided on something, I was set on that answer."

Throughout their high school careers, students faced many decisions, from whether or not to take Ceramics or Photography to what direction to go in after graduating.

Cristina Brown, junior, hesitated when scheduling AP U.S. History because of what former students said about the course.

"History had always been one of my best subjects, and I was up for the challenge," Cristina said. "Studying for tests took so much more time and effort than the rest of my classes, but it was worth it."

Erin Lusk, sophomore, had already decided which career path she planned to take.

"I was really interested in elementary education," Erin said. "I really thought about what I wanted to be. I've thought about salary and how many years of college it'll take. I really want to do something where I get to work with kids."

Liz Wadas, senior, decided to attend Indiana University the fall after she gradutated.

"I looked at my interests and which colleges had good programs what I wanted to do," Liz said. "I picked an in-state college for money reasons."

No matter what decision students made or how long it took, students had to think and rethink them through.

important decisions
With a pretty good idea of what they wanted in a college, seniors Yasemin Oner and Monah Musleh talk to a representative from Prairie State College. "I knew I wanted to start out at a community college because it was a cheaper, and Prairie State was nearby," Monah said. Monah planned on attending Prairie State College for nursing.

without missing a beat
ISSMA practice book in hand, Levi Sasek, freshman, practices sightreading in Chorale. "I plan on taking band and choir every year in high school," Levi said. "That was what I loved doing, and that was what I wanted to do when I'm older, so I want my high school transcript to show that."

school scheduling
During his scheduling appointment with Mrs. Carol Florence, guidance counselor, Tyler Dickeson, freshman, chooses his schedule for sophomore year. Guidance counselors played a role in helping students choose the right courses.

second guesses
Realizing a mistake she made, Chelsey Wallace, junior, erases the answer she wrote on her math worksheet. "I always second guessed myself, especially on Mrs. Premetz's (math teacher) tests," Chelsey said. "I hated it because the answer I put down before I changed it was usually right."

plans for the future
At the college fair at Purdue Calumet, Kayla Smith, senior, weighs her options and determines what she wants in a college. "That helped me determine what I was looking for in a college," Kayla said. "I really looked for which school was best for the major that I'm going into, which is nursing." Kayla plans to go to Purdue Calumet.

down on paper
Pen and paper in hand, Molly Giacomuzzi, junior, sketches a building at her job at an engineering firm. "I really took the job because I liked to draw and my boss knew that," Molly said. "But it was great to get paid to work at an enginnering firm without having to intern first."

change up

students had different strategies when it came to test time

"If I see like five A's in a row, and I don't know the next answer, then I usually won't pick A for the next answer. I'll definitely pick some other answer."

- Saam Mojtahed, freshman

"When I don't know the answer, of course I'll eliminate the ones I don't know, but I usually just stick with my gut and pick my original answer."

-Klarissa Hernandez, sophomore

"I always changed my answer, and I hated it because when I got my tests back, the answer I put first was usually right."

-Kuangda Shan, junior

practice makes perfect

To warm up for the upcoming Lowell Invite, the Boys' Cross Country Team takes some laps to loosen up their legs. "Before the race, we did some pack runs so that our legs weren't so tight, and we loosened up and made sure we were relaxed," captain Brooks Platt, senior, said.

Boys' Cross Country Team *(front row)* Matt Szala, Mario Hernandez, Ivan Gutierrez, John Beckman, Grant Sepiol, Ethan Paskewicz, Elliott Bochnowski (*second row*) Coach Aaron Brown, Grant Thompson, Russell Doctor, Steven Burgwald, Tony Rigoni, Adam Hart, Brooks Platt, Coach Rick Studer (*third row*) Tim Kearney, Tommy Bolanowski, Steve Gehrig, Steve Farrell, Adam Kloos, Roger Jachna, Chris Cappo

united traditions

"One of the most fun traditions was going to the Dunes for a 'team bonding run.' Coach Brown told us a route to run and nobody really knew where to go. Some people would come an hour late, but after that we'd play football and tackle the freshmen in the water."

-Grant Thompson, junior

"Throughout the cross country season there were many unique moments and traditions. Whether it was our trips to the beach or the jungle, or days like 'team bonding day.' Each year of cross country is always unique and we always looked forward to the next year."

-Elliott Bochnowski, junior

close at hand

Before the races at the Lowell Invite, the Boys' Cross Country Team huddles together to get pumped up, according to Grant Thompson, junior. In order to become more unified, the boys bonded together outside of meets. "As a team, we did some random shenanigans," captain Brooks Platt, senior, said. "On birthdays, we gave guys on the team shaving cream pies in the face."

Boys' Varsity Cross Country
73-12
NCC 5-1
Crown Point 1st
Gavit Invite 2nd
Griffith 15-48
Lowell 19-42
TF South Invite 1st
Andrean 35-20
Kankakee Valley 19-42
Lowell Invite 1st
Highland 20-39
New Prairie Invite 11th
Hobart 21-39
Culver Academy Invite 28th
NCC Meet 1st

Post Season
Sectionals 1st
Regionals 1st
Semistate 6th
State 23rd

to the finish

On his way to 1st place at the Lowell Invite, Brooks Platt, senior, paces himself to avoid getting too worn out. **Almost to the finish line**, Tony Rigoni, junior, pushes himself at the Lowell Invite. "We just had a good season. We surprised a lot of teams and qualified for State," Rigoni said. **After a long day** at the Lowell Invite, Steve Gehrig, senior, heads for the finish line, after completing the 5 kilometer race.

moving forward

winning Conference, Sectionals and Regionals, Boys' Cross Country moves on to State

With the team's nickname "dark horse" and the Conference title on line, captain Brooks Platt, senior, along with the rest of the Boys' Cross Country Team, doesn't let anything or anyone get in his way while running to the finish line at the Northwest Crossroads Conference (NCC) meet.

"Winning Conference was huge for us because we were the dark horse, but we ended up doing what we knew we could do," Platt said.

The Boys' Cross Country Team also started off their season with a big win against Crown Point, according to Platt.

"The Crown Point Invite went great for us. We got 1st place and exceeded pretty much all of the expectations our competition had for us," Platt said. "After that, our goal was to do the best we could, and we definitely did."

With their only loss before the conference meet coming against Andrean, the season went as expected, according to Head Coach Aaron Brown, middle school physical education teacher.

Although they lost to Andrean during the regular season, they beat them at the Gavit Invite, with a few bumps along the road.

According to John Beckman, junior, during the Gavit Invite, Tony Rigoni, junior, got disqualified for being too aggressive. With only six of their top runners, the boys faced a challenge, but still ended up beating Andrean and finished in 2nd place overall.

"At the Gavit Invite we faced a bit of challenge with a disqualification, but we still managed to do really well and fulfill our main goal, which was to beat Andrean," Coach Brown said.

After a nearly undefeated season, the boys went into post season with the goal to do their best and qualify for State, according to Grant Sepiol, sophomore.

Breezing through Sectionals and Regionals, the Boys' Cross Country Team took the 1st place trophy at both meets, but ended up 6th at Semistate, allowing them to advance to State.At State, the team finished in 23rd place.

"The season went great because we had so many talented runners this year, and I really thought we could make it to State and do well," Sepiol said.

pass and go

On the way to passing up his Lowell opponent, Grant Sepiol, sophomore, focuses on finishing the race at the Lowell Invite. "While I ran, I thought about the finish line, but I also thought about going home and sleeping," Sepiol said. The Boys' Cross Country Team received 1st place at the Lowell Invite.

Varsity Tennis
14-0

Lake Central 4-1
Valparaiso 4-1
Lowell 5-0
North Central Invite 7th
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 5-0
Penn 5-0
West Lafayette 4-1
Culver Academy 4-1
Hobart 5-0
Lafayette Jefferson Invite1st
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Chesterton 5-0
Crown Point 5-0
Merrillville 4-1
Sectionals
- **Hammond Morton 5-0**
- **Lake Central 5-0**

Regionals
- **Bishop Noll 5-0**
- **Highland 5-0**

Semistate
- **Fairfield 5-0**

State
- **Delta 3-2**
- Carmel 0-5

JV Tennis
11-0

Lake Central 14-1
Valparaiso 11-2
Lowell 5-0
Kankakee Valley 4-0
Highland 14-0
Hobart 5-0
Andrean 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Chesterton 11-0
Crown Point 10-1
Merrillville 5-0

goodbyes

The boys end their season by saying goodbye to Assistant Coach, Bill Karr, who retired following the season.

"I was really hoping Coach Karr would change his mind and stay for the next season. If Taha (Qureshi, doubles partner) and I weren't doing too well at practice or during a match, he'd be able to talk to us and get us back to where we needed to be."
- Nathan Kondamuri, sophomore

awarded for attitude

After returning from State, Aaditya Shah, senior, receives the Mental Attitude Award from the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

"It was a really bittersweet moment because we had just come home from losing State, but winning the Mental Attitude Award was really humbling. It made me realize what a great team I've been on."
- Aaditya Shah, senior

Boys' Tennis *(front row)* Chris Chyung, Nathan Kondamuri, Ryan Heuer, Chandler Marcus, Aaditya Shah, Eric Galante, Michael Kitchell, Taha Qureshi, Nick Laszlo, Jack Heiniger *(second row)* Colin Richter, Krishna Hegde, Rathnam Venkat, Santhosh Narayan, Ryan Shreibak, Ronak Tilva, Kelan Harish, Ben Brodsky, Shivram Chandramouli, Alex Kulesa, *(third row)* Roshan Tilva, Adam Stepanovic, Jack Laszlo, Matt Charles, Assistant Coach Bill Karr, Coach Steve Lopez, Jared Roque, Fengyee Zhou, Aaron Handler, Teddy Niemiec *(back row)* Marty O'Shaughnessy, Flynn LeMonnier, Akash Shah, Akhilesh Mishra

out and ready

Tongue out and racket in hand, Michael Kitchell, sophomore, waits to return the ball. "I always did that (stuck his tongue out). I didn't really mean to," Kitchell said. "It just helped me to concentrate on the match."

with high spirit

Before the match, captain Chandler Marcus, senior, and Michael Tzolov, senior bump chests. "The chest bumping thing was something we've always done," Marcus said. "I thought it was a cool way to show spirit and raise our team's confidence before the match."

serving it up
Ready to begin the match against Valparaiso, Aaditya Shah, senior, prepares to serve. "That was one of the first matches we played, and it lasted forever," Shah said. "I was the last player still playing my match." The team won the Valporaiso match 4-1.

on the state level
Focused on the match during the Final Four at State, Ryan Heuer, junior, backhands the ball back into Carmel's court. "That was the one match where I really couldn't think about anything else," Heuer said. It was such an intense match, and for a while, I really felt like Chandler (Marcus, senior) and I could have won that one." The team lost to Carmel 0-5 at State.

meeting their match

boys reach their goal of qualifying for Final Four at State

Having fought through a cramp, Michael Kitchell, sophomore, defeated Delta High School at Semistate and moved on to the Final Four, which acted as the team's biggest goal for the season, according to Coach Steve Lopez, history teacher.

"Our team took this season as a very important one and as an opportunity to prove that we have a consistent program," captain Aaditya Shah, senior, said. "We just tried to play with no regrets especially when we got down to State because we knew that it was hard to get so many of these opportunities."

Having won Conference, the team focused on honing their skills for a successful post-season, according to Shah.

Munster hosted Sectionals and defeated Lake Central, winning their 30th consecutive Sectional title, the second longest standing Sectional streak in the state.

The team won Regionals for the fifth year in a row and did all they could to win Semistate and advance to the Final Four.

"People didn't have high expectations for us since we lost a lot of seniors," Taha Qureshi, sophomore, said. "But we worked hard as a team and managed to get into the Final Four."

Qureshi, along with sophomores Michael Kitchell and Nathan Kondamuri, played varsity for the first time.

"It felt really awesome to be on varsity and finally to be able to contribute to the team's success," Kondamuri said. "It really came as a surprise because we (Kondamuri and doubles partner, Qureshi) didn't start up on varsity."

The three of them, along with seniors Aaditya Shah and Chandler Marcus; Ryan Heuer, junior; and Jack Heiniger, sophomore; earned atrip to Indianapolis for the Final Four at North Central High School.

The team was nervous about facing eventual State Champion, Carmel High School, first, according to Coach Lopez. They ended up losing to Carmel 0-5 in the opening Final Four round.

"They had to work hard and believe they had a chance against anyone," Coach Lopez said.

got 'em
Keeping his balance, Jack Heiniger, sophomore, returns the ball into his opponent's court. Even as a sophomore, Heiniger managed to stay the Number 2 singles player throughout the season.

defending honor

after avenging a loss to Lowell, varsity fights on to Regionals

Losing the coveted Conference Champion title to Lowell became one of the most disappointing points of the season, according to captain Heather Boyan, senior. However, the Varsity Volleyball Team did not let the loss get them off their guard.

"Losing to Lowell the first time was a major motivation to us,"captain Tiffany Madura, senior, said. "They were our team to beat."

The Sectional game against Lowell proved to be the most exciting game of their season, according to Coach Tracey Afman, Wilbur Wright music teacher.

"We wanted to beat them more than anything; we had so much fight and energy," Boyan said. "Every time we got a point, we stood up and went crazy cheering. It was a great atmosphere."

They defeated Lowell 3-1 in round one of Sectionals. At Regionals, the team came face-to-face with LaPorte, the team they lost to the previous year. LaPorte defeated Munster 0-3 for the championship.

The team's chemistry on the court contributed to their Sectional success, but they became very close off the court, too, according to Coach Afman.

"The team played well together on the court no matter who was in," Coach Afman said. "They got along so well."

The team played a game, along with Wilbur Wright and St. Thomas Moore volleyball teams, called "Dig Pink" against Hobart to raise money to find a cure for breast and ovarian cancer.

"The Dig Pink night was a great success," JV Coach Jill Kaniewski, mother of sophomore Anna Kaniewski and freshman Emily Kaniewski, said. "Since we had two parents who had been actively going through treatment for cancer, it was really a special night for our teams."

The success of each season differs from year to year, according to Coach Afman. Whether raising money for a good cause, avenging a loss, or qualifying for Regionals, the team reached many of their goals.

bump it
Ready to bump the ball, captain Sam Salzeider (7), senior, drops to position. "I think my overall season was successful," Salzeider said. "I never thought I'd start libero for every game." Libero was a player who specialized in defensive skills. "Making the team in general was exciting for me because I didn't play my junior year," Salzeider said.

team work
Gathering in the middle of the court, the volleyball team celebrates a point they just made. "All of us were really close on and off the court," Tiffany Madura (12), senior, said. "I think that really helped our chemistry on the court and helped us work pretty well together." The lack of drama on the team helped them make it as far as they did, according to Madura. "Some of my closest friends were on the team," Madura said. "We all got along great."

club buddies
After seeing her friend, Mady Moyer (3), sophomore, gives Katie Urycki a hug. Moyer and Urycki played club volleyball together over a year ago. "We hadn't seen each other in months," Moyer said. "It was a really bittersweet moment." Team sportsmanship was an important factor in the game, according to Moyer. "Even if you lost, you had to stay positive," Moyer said. "You just have to know you'll get them next time."

time out
During a time out, Heather Boyan (15), senior, takes a drink of water. "I thought about what I needed to fix in the game to correct our mistakes," Boyan said. "If we were winning, I thought about what we were doing well." Time outs provided a break for the six players on the court. The coach allowed the girls to drink water while she gave them instructions, according to Boyan. "Thoughts about what I needed to do better were constantly running through my head," Boyan said.

Varsity Volleyball *(front row)* Lauren Macadlo, Mariana Rogers, Sam Salzeider, Chrissy Lissy, Jenna Cecil, Emily Milojkovitch, Alyssa Salata *(second row)* Heather Boyan, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Paige Spinks, Coach Tracey Afman, Kayala Macadlo, Coach Janet Wories, Mary Skurka, Tiffany Madura *(back row)* Patty Pfister, Becky Andrews, Caley Mintz, Melissa Hajduch, Jamie Rogaliski

JV Volleyball *(front row)* Andrea Paunicka, Bridget Anderson, Sam Barilla, Mariana Rogers, Christine Slamkowski, Erin Lusk, Mady Moyer *(second row)* Coach Tracy Afman, Nadia Radowick, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Mary Skurka, Coach Janet Wories, Morgan Switalla *(back row)* Emily Kaniewski, Nicole Plewniak, Patty Pfister, Shannon Farrell, Anna Kaniewski

Freshman Volleyball *(front row)* Elisabet Strong, Elizabeth Kloos, Mary Beth Blocher, Rachel Markowicz, Anna Stooksbury, Amelia Worries *(second row)* Jessika Majzsak, Coach Tracey Afman, Coach Janet Wories, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Emily Anderson *(back row)* Amber Caldwell, Abby Bednarowski, Maritza Garcia, Jen Scherzinger

Dig Pink

a volleyball mom affected by ovarian cancer opens up about the importance of awareness

Wilbur Wright, St. Thomas Moore, and Munster High School united Oct. 5 and played volleyball for a good cause called "Dig Pink." Dig Pink helped raise money for breast and ovarian cancer awareness. Ms. Mary Anderson, mother of sophomore Bridget Anderson and a 7th grader at St. Tom's, became part of that cause one year ago.

Ms. Anderson just got through treatment for ovarian cancer and stressed the importance of being aware of the diseases. It is important that women realize the signs of the disease earlier on, when it is more treatable, according to Ms. Anderson.

"The more people that came to the event, the more people that could be reached about awareness of women's cancers," Ms. Anderson said. "Even if one woman gains information about either of these potentially deadly diseases, it was definitely a success."

source: Ms. Mary Anderson

Varsity Volleyball
24-8
NCC 10-2

Crownpoint 3-0
Valparaiso 0-3
MC Marquette 3-1
Lake Central 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 2-3
Andrean 3-0
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Clinton Prairie 2-0
Alexandria 1-2
Lafayette 2-0
FW Caroll 1-2
Chesterton 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 2-3
Michigan City 2-0
Plymouth 1-2
NewPrairie 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 3-0
Portage 3-1
Andrean 3-0
Morton 3-0
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Mishawaka Marian 1-2
Roncalli 0-2
Mishawaka 2-0
Dwenger 0-2
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Gavit 3-0

JV Volleyball
22-2
NCC 8-0

Crown Point 2-0
Valparaiso 2-0
MC Marquette 2-0
Lake central 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Warsaw 0-2
Michigan City 2-0
Penn 0-2
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-1
Chesterton 2-0
Griffith 2-1
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Portage 2-1
Andrean 2-1
Morton 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Gavit 2-0

Freshman Volleyball
24-4
NCC 7-0

Crown Point 1-2
Boone Grove 2-0
Lowell 2-0
East Chicago 2-0
Valparaiso 1-2
Lake Central 2-1
Griffith 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Merrillville 2-0
Crown Point 0-2
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Highland 2-0
Chesterton 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Portage 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-0
LaPorte 2-0
Valparaiso 2-0
Andrean 0-2
Morton 2-0
Hobart 2-0

breaking new ground

with new athlethic facilities, the Varsity Football Team starts fresh and comes together as a team

The season begins in the middle of the sweltering hot summer, but despite the weather conditions, 80 high school football players drag themselves to the newly renovated football field, pads and all.

All those practices paid off though, according to Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, because the varsity football team played a 7-4 season, and they made it past round one of Sectionals.

"Our goal was to take it to the next level and play 13 [games]," quarterback Mark Strbjak, junior, said. "That put us in a position to play for Sectionals."

Although the team played two games less than their original goal, they made it one round farther than the previous year.

After much anticipation, the new athletic facilities had finally been broken in Aug. 27 with a win against Bishop Noll. The pre-game festivities included a tailgate and an opening ceremony. The team played in front of many alumni, and Student Government offered the fans a tour of the new field after the game.

The facilities included new seating, a new track, a new score board, locker rooms, concessions and the much awaited artificial turf football field. The turf, a mix of rubber and nylon fibers, made the game feel much faster, according to Strbjak.

"The turf made it easier to throw in bad weather and run faster," quarterback Trace McCarthy, sophomore, said.

The most tense game of the season was the Conference Championship game against Andrean, according to Coach Marsh.

"It went into double overtime," captain defensive back Kyle Wargo, senior, said. "We came back from being down 14 points, but we lost by one point in the end."

Every Thursday night, the JV and Varsity teams would meet at a senior's house and watch footage from the previous games.

"Our bonding helped us come together as one big family," McCarthy said. "It made each player go all out for their teammates."

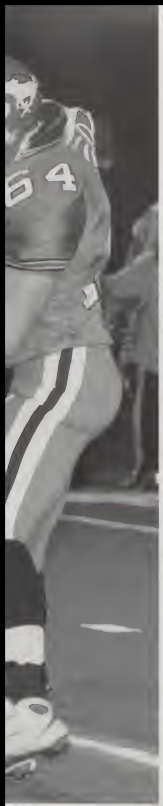
The team went on to win their first round of Sectionals 21-14 against Lake Central.

"Hopefully our expectation will improve to the point that we expect to play for the Sectional Championship every year," Coach Marsh said.

hug it out
Because wide receiver Steve Losiniecki (28), senior, just scored a touchdown, offensive lineman Luke Hilbrich (64), junior, celebrates with him. "It [scoring] was really exciting for the whole team," Hilbrich said. "Scoring doesn't happen all the time in football, you have to work for it."

homecoming run
After receiving the ball, quarterback Mark Strbjak (3), junior, makes a 79-yard dash down the field against Hobart. "It was a key play," Strbjak said. "Our blocker got a hole, and I hit the hole hard." According to Strbjak, that play got the team going and kept the team focused, as they beat the Brickies 24-7.

ready and waiting
Preparing for the play to start, defensive back Nathan Eagan (22), senior, stands at ready position. Aiding the Mustangs in their 19-14 win against Griffith, Eagan had nine tackles and caught one interception.



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Freshman Football *(front row)* Alec Skalka, Chase Lorenz, Austin Etter, Zackary Eisman, Devin Rodgers, Joel Mendoza, Mike McGrath *(second row)* Jacob Gariup, Zac Rinehart, Tyler Dickeson, Joe Kmak, Alec Roqena, Michael Jurkash, Mateo Singleton, Eric Svoboda *(third row)* Nick Powell, Kyle Wilkinson, John Pitsas, Jamal Jenkins, Zach Kennedy, Sam Helmer, Tyler Wood, Daniel Straka *(fourth row)* Eric Swingler, Ryan Brickman, Niko Ingoglia, Amber Kimbrough, Costa Papadatos, Demetrio Ornelas, Erick Alanis, Eliott Maul *(fifth row)* Miguel Gonzalez, Kyle Leuser, Austin Berry, Sam Bell, Steven Ozug, Sahib Singh, Jacob Ahlf, Stephen Malloy *(back row)* Saam Mojtahed, David Osborne, Anthony Conroyd, Coach Matt Kalwasinski, Coach Matt Backs, Coach Josh Herold, Paul DeRolf

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Varsity Football
7-4
NCC 4-2
Lake Central 17-7
Bishop Noll 62-22
Highland 49-6
Andrean 28-29
Morton 21-25
Griffith 19-14
Hobart 24-7
Lowell 17-24
Kankakee Valley 57-7

Post Season
Lake Central 21-14
Crown Point 10-28

JV Football
4-2
NCC 3-2
Lake Central 14-34
Bishop Noll 40-0
Highland 42-0
Andrean 12-25
Morton 30-17
Griffith 14-14
Hobart 21-22
Lowell 34-22
Rensselaer 17-21

Freshman Football
2-6-1
NCC 2-5
Lake Central 0-39
Kankakee Valley 20-23
Highland 27-12
Andrean 14-20
Morton 20-20
Griffith 0-28
Hobart 0-16
Lowell 6-38
Kankakee Valley 28-14

wicked wednesdays

Trudging through the sand at the Dunes, Kyela Specht, senior, and Mykaela Burton sophomore, almost reach the top of a hill at a "Wicked Wednesday practice." **Before the New Prairie Invite**, Colleen Ogren, sophomore, leads the girls up a steep slope at a Dunes trail. **After a long "Wicked Wednesday"** practice, Charity Davis, junior, takes a break along with Colleen Ogren, sophomore, before having to repeat the drill. **As Shakyla Askew**, senior, moves through the tall grasses of the Dunes, Sarah Dedelow, junior, tries to catch up.

Girls' Varsity Cross Country
82-63
NCC 6-0

Crown Point 2nd
Gavit Invite 3rd
Griffith 20-43
Lowell 18-41
TF South Invite 2nd
Andrean 25-32
Kankakee Valley 25-35
Lowell Invite 3rd
Highland 20-35
New Prairie Invite 15th
Hobart 21-39
Culver Academy Invite 24th
NCC Meet 4th

Post Season
Sectionals 3rd
Regionals 3rd
Semistate 14th

Girls' Cross Country Team *(front row)* Mykaela Burton, Morgan Stahl, Victoria Avina, Michelle Kwolek, Emily McNicholas, Elizabeth Wadas (*second row*) Elizabeth Beckman, Rebecca Karnezis, Bianca Bohling, Emma Hong, Julie Puvogel, Colleen Ogren, Caroline Beckman (*third row*) Coach Kyleen Eden , Samantha Martin, Allison Boyle, Shakyla Askew, Kyela Specht, Charity Davis, Kaelyn Toth, Coach Michelle Duffy

reaching their stride

receiving 3rd place at Sectionals and Regionals, Girls' Cross Country advances to Semistate

a "Waka Waka" by Shakira blasts in the locker room, Colleen Ogren, sophomore, sings and dances with the rest of the Girls' Cross Country Team to get pumped for the TF South Invite.

"We sang and danced a lot more this year," Ogren said. It was how we got pumped and how we celebrated a good meet."

With an overall 2nd place at the TF South Invite, the singing and dancing proved to be a success.

"The TF South Invite went really well," captain Kyela Specht, senior, said. "We finished 2nd overall to an Illinois team who got 1st by four points. Everyone there ran awesome; a lot of people dropped their times significantly."

Other significant meets that turned out well for the girls included 2nd place at the Crown Point Invite, 3rd place at the Gavit Invite, and 3rd place at the Lowell Invite, according to Specht.

With high spirits, the girls took on challenges they had to over come, such as the loss of so many seniors from the previous season.

"We graduated a lot of talent last year, so the freshmen and new Varsity runners stepped it up and filled in the shoes of the girls that graduated," Specht said. "Our goal was to just keep improving and giving our best to see where it took us."

Emma Hong, sophomore, took on the challenge of being one of the new varsity runners that filled in a spot for a graduated runner.

"Being on varsity was great, but naturally, there was more anxiety and pressure before races," Hong said. "This was considered our rebuilding year because of all the new runners, but I thought we still did really well."

Although the girls faced these small obstacles, they overcame them throughout the season. They proved their success at the conference meet with a 4th place finish. After Conference, the girls went into post season with the same goal of improving, but also qualifying for State, according to Allison Boyle, junior.

The girls finished in 3rd place at both Sectionals and Regionals, advancing to Semistate. There, they received 14th place, coming up short for State qualification.

Even though they didn't advance to State and reach their goal, the girls were proud of the way they ran and how the season panned out, according to Specht.

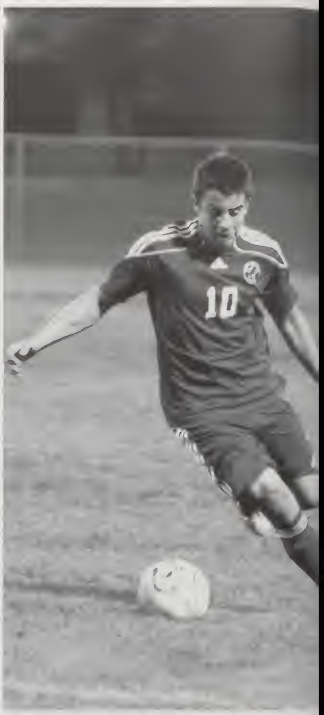
tough break
On the way to the finish line, Allison Boyle, junior, makes her way through the tough course. "This meet was interesting to say the least," Boyle said. "Andrean and Kankakee Valley are the most competitive team in our conference an we did well against them. However, it was the first year we ran that course and there must've been some confusion because near the end of the face, the Andrean girls cut off a portion of the course and placed better because of it. It was an honest mistake, but that's not something that rarely happened at cross country meets."

finders keepers
With balloons and list in hand, Emma Hong, sophomore; Colleen Ogren, sophomore; Allison Boyle, junior; and Kyela Specht, senior, lead the race through the annual 10-mile scavenger hunt race. "Mrs. Duffy had clues, activities, food, and prizes at certain spots, which was so much fun," Hong said. "There wasn't much to dislike about it because we ran at an easy pace, and all the stops and games made the run go by very quickly."

up and over
While Liz Wadas, senior, tries to get a hoola hoop over her head without using her hands at the annual 10-mile scavenger hunt, Kaelyn Toth, senior, helps her out. The girls played many games, such as bozo buckets, face painting and team-building during the scavenger hunt.

aiming at record

boys' soccer wins its 9th consecutive Sectional, the longest state Sectional streak



"Demanding"—That's the word Jonathan Wachala, senior, used to describe his experience on the team.

"Jess Clark (senior), the starting varsity goalie in past years, was unable to play this season," Wachala said. "This demanded the team, including underclassmen, to fill the needed holes on the field."

Losing Clark as goalie after his injury required Ethan Flahaven, junior, to fill in as the new goalie and others to play positions that may have been out of their comfort zones, according to Wachala.

Regardless of the setbacks they faced, the team kept its main priority to maintain a positive attitude, according to Coach Jim Prasopoulous, Westlake teacher.

"In the beginning, we lost our first two games, so we were down from that," Demitri Georgalas, freshman, said. "But we picked ourselves up and started to do better."

It was important that the boys understood that trusting each other on the field made them a better team, according to Coach Prasopoulous.

"We were all a part of this team," Coach Prasopoulous said. "Each player could do something on the field. I wanted everyone to play their part. I always stressed the importance of that."

The team won Conference and defeated Highland at Sectionals, winning their 9th consecutive Sectional crown.

"Sectionals was a huge victory for us. It was one of the biggest. I started varsity, and it was great to win and have that Sectional streak," Zarko Coric, junior, said.

Munster advanced to Regionals, but lost to Lake Central 0-3.

"Winning Sectionals was one of the greatest moments to me because people thought that this was finally Highland's year to upset us," Coric said. "But we proved a lot of people wrong and won."

in sight
Eyes locked on the ball, captain Jeff Lawler, senior, races his opponent to it. It was important to stay focused during each game and treat each opponent the same, according to Lawler.

for the title
Dribbling the ball, captain Tony Ceja (5), senior makes sure he has full control over as he runs down the field during Sectionals. "Sectionals was extra important to us since we had the state's longest streak if we won," Ceja said. The team beat Highland 1-0 in the first round and Morton 7-0 in the second round.

in play

Ball in possession, Zarko Coric, junior, focuses on passing the ball to his teammates at Sectionals before one of Highland's players had a chance to take it. The team beat Highland, winning their 9th consecutive Sectional, the longest standing Sectional streak in the state.

celebrating wins

After scoring a point, sophomores Drake Bowers and Doug Yokovich bump chests during a JV game against Kankakee Valley. "It was awesome that he (Drake) made the goal," Yokovich said. "I was so excited for him and the rest of the team." The JV team beat Kankakee Valley 4-0.

defended

Stealing the ball from the Portage player, Jake Smith, senior, fights for control during the Portage game. "We played Portage during our first game," Smith said. "It was one of the closest games we've had. We only lost by one point." The team lost to Portage 3-4

winning streak

"Winning Sectionals was the greatest feeling. We had the longest Sectional streak in the state, and it was awesome knowing that winning Sectionals meant that for us. It just made us fight harder." -Zarko Coric, junior

Boys' Varsity Soccer 8-3-3

Portage 3-4
Lake Central 2-3
Lowell 8-0
Kankakee Valley 1-0
Bishop Noll 2-2
Crown Point 3-3
Chesterton 3-1
Griffith 3-0
Merrillville 5-2
Hobart 7-2
Highland 2-1
Fort Wayne Dwenger 0-2
Castle 2-2
NCC Conference
Andrean 3-0

Post Season

Sectional
Highland 1-0
Morton 7-0

Boys' JV Soccer 11-0

Lake Central 14-1
Valporaiso 11-2
Lowell 5-0
Kankakee Valley 4-0
Highland 14-0
Hobart 5-0
Andrean 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Chesterton 11-0
Crown Point 10-1
Merillville 5-0

Varsity Boys' Soccer *(front row)* Jordan Cooper, Daniel Riggs, Antonio Ceja, Eric Frasco, Andrew Koultourides, Jonathan Wachala, Demitri Georgalas, Zakariah Kulam *(second row)* Brandon Weinberg, Coach Prasopoulous, Sam Smith, Jake Shalen, Jess Clark, Bobby Carlson, Chris Tassaro, Coach DeGuilo, Jacob Smith *(back row)* Nick Cossyleon, Jeff Lawler, Zarko Coric, Ethan Flahaven, Bart Grabowski, Christian Catania

JV Boys' Soccer *(front row)* Josh Shalen, Calvin Sanders, Peter Panos, Arturo Ortiz, Jack Arnold, Jeff Woodward *(second row)* Ricky Delgado, Coach Prasopoulous, Alex Sikora, Peter Karnezis, Joe Pierson, Robert Vogel, Evan Shmagranoff, Coach DeGuilio, Evan Kattan *(back row)* Milos Trivunovic, Drake Bowers, Niko Karagan, Jacob Wojcik, Nick Brant, Doug Yokovich

getting into the groove

practicing almost every day after school, Girls' Golf places seventh at Regionals

With absolute silence and tension lingering in the air, captain Kamryn Klawitter, senior, focuses on her stroke. As she follows through, her eyes follow the ball, and all she can do now is hope.

Hoping practice makes perfect, the Girls' Golf Team met after school at its home course, Centennial Park Golf Course.

"We practiced almost every day we didn't have a match," Sarah Kinser, junior, said. "We were all taking it really seriously."

Keeping scores low, the girls earned victories at the Lake Central Invite and against Hobart, 177-203. At the Northwest Crossroads Conference (NCC) meet, Kinser carded the lowest score at the meet, 87, earning medalist honors and helping the Mustangs finish with 400 strokes and the championship.

"I knew Sarah went there in the right mindset," Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, said. "That was what made that day so nice for her. I was so happy for her because she put in the work."

Ready for Sectionals, the girls continued practice at Centennial Park whenever the weather permitted. At Sectionals, the team rearned third place, with Klawitter placing first individually.

Next came Regionals at LaPorte. Here, the girls placed seventh, while Klawitter qualified for State, scoring the lowest of the three local qualifiers.

"It was an awesome accomplishment to do that two years in a row because we had a very tough Regional," Klawitter said. "There were a lot of great girls to compete with, and that was not an easy day. It was a good feeling to go back to State again."

At the State meet, Klawitter didn't qualify for the finals, scoring 84, with 80 as the cut-off. Her teammates remained proud of Klawitter's achievements. As a small team with only five players, the Girls' Varsity Golf Team grew to be a tight-knit group, according to Molly Imrich, senior.

"We had traditions...like after Sectionals, we always went into the club house and got kiddie cocktails for ourselves since we did well and were going to Regionals," Imrich said.

The girls managed to qualify for Regionals while creating unforgettable memories.

"I felt it was a successful season," Klawitter said. "A lot of us had our best rounds this year. Winning the Conference title and the Lake Central Invite were the team highlights of the year. Qualifying for State was a personal highlight for me. Being a senior, this season in general was very special to me."

hit or miss

With the Northwest Crossroads Conference (NCC) Tournament at Kankakee Valley in mind, Kamryn Klawitter, senior, prepares at Centennial Golf Course, as the golf team did almost everyday. Along with the skills, the girls had to work on their mental attitude. "In a match, I just tried to stay focused on my target and stay positive," Klawitter said. "I looked towards the next shot." The practices resulted in the girls winning at Kankakee Valley, 186-203.

daily drills
At an after school practice, Sarah Kinser, junior, concentrates on her next shot. Following the same schedule everyday, the girls grew accustomed to the repetitive preparation and used it to improve their skills. "We usually warmed up a little by putting and chipping," Kinser said. "Then we would head up to the first tee and just play 9 holes."

true to form
With eyes on the ball, Beckey Seligman, freshman, leans in for a hit. Posture and form served as a very important factor in golf. The girls had to practice their technique until perfection.

hole in one
Waiting in hope, captain Kamryn Klawitter, senior, enjoys her time playing golf. "I'm going to miss my teammates," Klawitter said. "They were supportive, and we had a lot of fun. Having the excuse to play golf every day wasn't bad."

wise words
As Coach Bill Smitka gives his advice, Molly Imrich, senior, listens intently. Coach Smitka's suggestions made him a good coach, according to Imrich. "I didn't like coaches watching me because it made me nervous," Imrich said, "and so if I asked him to not watch me, he would either leave or watch secretly, so I didn't know he was there."

in the bag

Sarah Kinser, junior, lists items she carries in her golf bag

- a Gatorade
- a frozen Gatorade
- Luna bars
- Tees
- Golf Balls
- Pencils
- 12 different clubs: driver, rescue wood, putter, 5 iron, 6 iron, 7 iron, 8 iron, 9 iron, pitching wedge, sand wedge, 60 degree wedge and 52 degree wedge

Girls' Golf Sarah Kinser, Molly Imrich, Hailey Estes, Kamryn Klawitter, Beckey Seligman, Ishani Sharma, Jill Osterhus, Elisabeth Lanman, Coach Bill Smitka

warm ups

before matches, girls dedicate time to practicing shots

Varsity Golf
7-4
Plymouth Invite 4th
Lake Central Invite 1st of 10
Griffith 193-212
Lowell 193-189
Kankakee Valley Invite 7th
New Prairie Invite 3rd
Highland 192-210
Hobart 177-203
Crown Point 205-187
Andrean 186-inc.
Kankakee Valley 186-203
Lake Central 198-196
Merrillville 195-235
Chesterton 211-170
NCC Conference meet 1st
Bishop Noll 197-239

Post Season
Sectionals
Lost Marsh 3rd Place
Regionals
LaPorte 7th

Honors
NCC Champs
Kamryn Klawitter
State Qualifier

ready, set, golf
1. In position to hit the ball, Hailey Estes, sophomore, and 2. Molly Imrich, senior, get ready before the match against Hobart. "Warming up taught me how to handle situations on the course that I wouldn't get on the driving range," Estes said. At the Hobart match, the Girls' Varsity Golf Team won 177-203 at home.

stolen thunder

undefeated in Conference, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team loses in the final round of Sectionals

Dangling in the Girls' Soccer locker room, a poster titled "Team Goals" reminded everyone of their 10 objectives. With goal No. 3, "undefeated in Conference," glaring at them, the girls charged onto the field ready to take on Highland, the game that would determine Conference results.

"We decided on the goals over the summer as a team," captain Emily Koufos, senior, said. "We thought it was a good idea to have motivating objectives."

Kicking off the season with clear cut goals, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team maximized its efforts to reach them. To achieve Conference Champions, they had to practice a lot of defensive work to stop other teams, according to captain Olivia Koufos, senior.

Those practices earned them victories such as Lake Central (4-3), the Argos Invite (1st place) and Griffith (2-0). Boosting their confidence, the girls continued adding to their wins with only a few losses such as Crown Point (0-2).

Now they awaited the Highland game to redeem themselves from previous years. Postponing the Highland game due to rain only extended the suspense and fueled the fire for winning Conference.

"We all just wanted to get the game over and done with," Kaitlyn Hobbs, senior, said. "We were ready to beat Highland and take home Conference."

After a satisfying success against Highland (2-1), the girls vigorously practiced for Sectionals, according to Emily Koufos. Having achieved the first part of goal no. 3, it was time for the second part: Sectional champs. From morning runs during the summer to Saturday practices, the Varsity Girls' Soccer team felt prepared.

"We went into the Sectionals game confident," Hannah Marriott, junior, said. "We thought we were so ready for it."

The girls ended up losing 0-3 in the final round of Sectionals against Highland. However, with pizza dinners and Coach Valerie Pflum's, math teacher, home-made breakfast, the girls developed traditions and friendships. Also, through drilling and scrimmaging, they improved their playing skills.

"Our strength was definitely our individual skill," Hobbs said. "Everyone had pretty much an equal ability, which made our bench pretty deep. Also, we all had a good foot, and we just knew the game really well as a team."

Reaching the majority of their goals, the girls cherished mostly being undefeated in Conference for the first time since 1999, according to Olivia Koufos.

come full circle
Gathered in a circle, the Girls' Soccer Team encourages each other for the upcoming game against Merrillville (3-1). "It was a way for us to get pumped and ready for the game," Hannah Marriott, junior, said. "We yelled our 'Red Dog Chant' to get all our nerves out."

game time
On defense, Lexi Grubisich (3), junior, snatches the ball away from a player on the Highland Trojans. **Looking at teammate Kori Kirby (15), senior, to pass**, Allyson Roller (31), junior, avoids another Highland player. "Whenever we played Highland, it was a tough game, but our team worked well together, and we won 2-1," Roller said.

on guard

As the last defender, captain Emily Koufos (28), senior, blocks Valparaiso player Kaylee Pullins (12), sophomore, from shooting. "I got the ball and passed it," Koufos said. "Valpo was a big rival, and I was angry because of the foul play. It was a tight game, and we lost, so this game wasn't the best memory, but it was one of our strongest games."

run for it

With a Valparaiso opponent on one side, Nina Ogrizovich (42), senior, tries to guard the ball. The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team couldn't keep the ball the whole time and lost 1-2. "It was an aggressive game," Ogrizovich said. "We were unlucky to have a call in scoring position for them, and that put them up by a goal, but we never let down."

Girls' Varsity Soccer
14-6
NCC 6-0

Lake Central 3-4
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Portage 1-2
LaVille 3-0
Argos 2-1
Homestead 1-0
Lawrence North 2-1
Culver Academy 0-2
Griffith 2-0
Valparaiso 1-2
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-1
Merrillville 3-1
Andrean 3-0
Crown Point 0-2
Lowell 5-0

Post Season
Sectionals
Bishop Noll 5-0
Morton 9-0
Highland 0-3

Girls' JV Soccer
9-0-1
NCC 3-0-1

Lake Central 5-1
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Portage 8-0
Guerin Catholic 2-1
Lawrence North 1-0
Griffith 1-1
Valparaiso 3-2
Hobart 4-0
Highland 1-0
Merrillville 5-1
Crown Point 2-0

defending goals

1 Never lose at home
2 All players are academically eligible: 3.0 GPA, represent the team well
3 Undefeated in Conference/Sectionals and Reginal Champions
4 Team unity: trust each other, not all freshmen responsibilities
5 Be positive and respectful to all: watch tone, be able to take criticism, especially if you give it
6 Give 100%, 100% of the time: practice like you play in a game, finish the game how you started (aka-intensity), play consistently
7 Score first goal in games
8 Aggression/constant pressure at all times
9 Mental preparation: especially in pre-game warm-ups! save the drama for your momma- on/off the field, get cha head in the game and keep it there
10 After all is said and done...Have fun!

source: Olivia Koufos, senior

Girls' Soccer *(front row)* Jenna Pagane, Gabby Roque, Gabby Sapyta, Nina Ogrizovich, Parin Patel, Joanna Pugh, Rachel Shmagranoff, Emily Koufos, Olivia Koufos, Kori Kirby *(second row)* Indigo Moran, Sarah Webster, Sylvie Kristoff, Ida Sund, Cathy Lebryk, Alyssa Wojcik, Amanda Milojkovitch, Jess Wargo, Jackie Ashley, Renee Rumas *(third row)* Courtney Zunica, Allison Wisniewski, Kailee Loughlin, Sammi Koufos, Itxel Carlos, Caitlin Curran, Alison Engle, Lindsay Spyrka, Allyson Goodrich *(back row)* Hannah Marriott, Annie Skertic, Morgan Newton, Alyssa Sheets, Allyson Roller, Coach Knesek, Coach Pflum, Coach Fekete, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Eleni Agelopoulos, Melissa Strohl, Lexi Grubisich, Lauren Grunewald

taking it in

the Boys' Varsity Swimming team wins Sectionals, qualifying for State in seven events

As captain Max Kilibarda, senior, gets out of the pool after swimming the 200 Medley Relay with senior captains Dillon Thompson and Kevin Behrens and Frank Rapin, senior at State, the feeling of victory immediately sets in.

"It was one of those things that never got old," Kilibarda said. "To win a relay at State with the guys that I had grown close to over four years was really special and it was definitely something I will never forget. I never really played a major role until this year."

The team had a record of 10-1, and won Conference. They prepared themselves for postseason. With their tapering system, eleven practices a week gradually became five, but they raised the intensity and really focused on mental preparation according to Coach Morgan Nolan, history teacher.

In December, construction for the Aquatic Center ended after it began in August 2009.

"It was very cool to finally have the new pool because we had been waiting for it since its early stages," Behrens said. "It was a big thing for us. It also gave us the option to train in meters instead of yards. It was different, but it still helped."

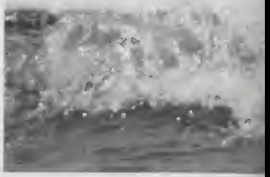
The team won Sectionals, and qualified for State in seven events: 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay, 200 Individual Medley, 50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 500 Freestyle, and the 100 Backstroke.

At State, the team received disqualifications in two events, 50 Freestyle and 200 Freestyle Relay due to false starts.

"It was bittersweet," Coach Nolan said. "We had an overall successful season, but a lot of things didn't come out the way we expected them to. Especially, after the disqualifications, I encouraged them to keep their heads up and finish their remaining races without getting phased by that."

With the two disqualifications, the team placed 7th at State.

"This season was all about realizing how hard we needed to work. We lost an Invite (Hamilton Southeastern, third), and we lost at the Chesterton Dual meet," Kyle Ruckert, junior, said. "We knew we were not invincible, but we kept training to get there."



before it begins
Leaping into the pool, Frank Rapin, senior, warms up before Sectionals. "It's so important to warm up before meets," Rapin said. "You want your muscles to be loose so they don't tighten up when you swim."

up for air
Taking a breath between strokes, captain Kevin Behrens, senior, swims the 200 Freestyle Relay at Sectionals. "That was a great race," Behrens said. "I had such a good feeling about that one, and we did so well."

"It was amazing to be able to say that we have one of the biggest pools in the state. We've been waiting for this pool for so long, and it was such a good feeling to be able to swim in it and call it ours."
-Kyle Ruckert, junior

against the clock
With a lead of almost six seconds, captain Dillon Thompson, senior, dominates during the 200 IM at Sectionals. "Going into it, I knew it wasn't going to be the toughest race because both of the guys who got second and third last year graduated," Thompson said. "I really just pushed myself to swim fast. I was swimming against the clock."

one family
Dressed in country costumes, seniors Max Kilibarda, Dillon Thompson and Frank Rapin cheer on the Girls' Swim Team at Sectionals. "The captains just decided what we'd do for each other," Thompson said. "It's just a nice thing we did for each other."

Boys' Swimming *(front row)* Coach Janel Tobias, Joe Hunt, Matt Specht, Cesar Camacho, Jimmy Perino, Kyle Fissinger, Sean Cloghessey, Sammy Odtallah *(second row)* Coach Matt Pavlovich, Danny Fallon, Evan Frystak, David Straka, Max Lundin, Kale Terpstra, James Bieniak, Jimmy Hinkleman *(third row)* Coach Morgan Nolan, Henry Gallegher, Dillon Thompson, Eric Dobis, Max Kilibarda, Nick Simic, Daniel Straka, Brandon Armagast *(back row)* Casey King, Avinash Ravi, Josh Martin, Frank Rapin, Cole Briggs, Kevin Behrens, Kyle Ruckert

perfect form
Arms straight in front of him, Kale Terpstra, junior, dives into the pool at the Chesterton meet. Good form was one of the biggest things judges looked for, according to Coach Tobias.

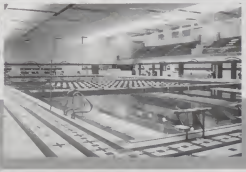
Boys' Varsity Swimming
10-1

5-0 Conference
Penn 109-77
Griffith 133-50
Munster Relays 1st
Kankakee Valley 116-70
Valparaiso 119-67
Lowell 128-57
Hamilton Southeastern Splash 3rd
Highland Invite 1st
South Bend Riley
Merrillville 117-69
Hobart145-22
Highland 131-95
Lake Central 113-73
Chesterton 86-100
NCC Conference 1st

Post Season
Sectional
1st Place
State
7th Place

Honors
NCC Champions
Sectional Champions
200 Medley Relay-1st (Dillon Thompson, Frank Rapin, Kevin Behrens, Max Kilibarda); 200 Individual Medley-4th (Dillon Thompson); 100 Fly-2nd (Kevin Behrens); 500 Free-5th (Frank Rapin); 100 Back-2nd (Kevin Behrens), 5th (Frank Rapin)

bigger and better



With the addition of the swimming facility, Boys' and Girls' Swimming found different ways to take advantage of it during practice. The longer pool allowed them to swim longer distances and gave them option of practicing in meters instead of yards.w

breaking limits

the Boy's Varsity Basketball Team fights to Final 4 after an undefeated season

Walking off the bus at Merrillville, the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team becomes surrounded by 22 inches of glittery white snow. Hundreds of Mustang fans lined up, all waiting to watch the biggest game of the year: the game where No. 1 played No. 2.

The sold out gymnasium overflowed with a sea of red and white. White towels flew into the air from the tightly packed student section, and the game began.

"The fan support was huge," captain Joe Crisman, senior, said. "We had more fans than Merrillville, and we fed off of enthusiasm."

After winning against Merrillville 75-64, Munster became unanimously ranked No. 1 in the state in both polls for the first time in Boys' Basketball history.

Many factors went into making the team a success. The team had a natural talent for the game, a great work ethic and great team chemistry, according to Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher.

"We all played with each other for a really long time," captain Brian Stolarz, senior, said. "We all bought into Hackett's system: team Munster basketball."

The team, led by the three senior captains Crisman, Stolarz and Carbajal, set examples during practice. The starters pushed hard during practices every day after school and had great competition thanks to the players off of the bench, according to Coach Hackett.

The team continued its post season all the way to Semistate. It started with three close Sectional games, the last was a heated championship game against E. C. Central, winning by only three points, 44-41.

Regionals followed where the team played Valparaiso for the Championship title. The Mustangs won the game 40-38 after a questionable last second shot made by Valparaiso was called out.

The team approached Semistate against Kokomo. During the game, Kokomo made two incredible shots that lost the game for the Mustangs, according to Coach Hackett. Losing the game disappointed all of the players, according to Stolarz.

"The way we went out was disappointing," Stolarz said. "We hadn't lost a game, and we had high expectations. Our goal was to make it to State, and whenever you fell short, it was disappointing."

Despite that, they became the first Boys' Basketball Team to finish 20-0 ranked No. 1, with a 34 home game winning streak and a 27 game regular season winning streak. There was a lot to be proud of this season, according to Coach Hackett.

"I loved this team," Crisman said. "I had an amazing year and I'll never forget it."

three-peat
Jumping from the bench after winning Sectionals, juniors Scott Jerge (15) and Mark Strbjak (24) celebrate the win against E. C. Central. The win made Munster the Sectional Champs the third year in a row. "We were so excited that we won," Jerge said. "We were down the whole game, but we made it. Our hard work paid off." **After getting the rebound,** Brian Stolarz (23), senior, goes to get the lay up against Hammond. **Because he just got the ball,** Ricky Carbajal (32), senior, makes a last minute lay up in the Sectional Championship game against E. C. Central. **Keeping the ball away** from a Kokomo defender, Joe Crisman (3), senior, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.

starting new
As he runs down the court, Michael Schlotman (11), sophomore, tries to block a Kokomo defender from getting the ball. Schlotman started as the Varsity point guard for every game in the season. "Varsity was really different compared to JV," Schlotman said. "I tried to be a leader and take care of the ball."

road to Semista

Arm in arm, juniors Oliver Sutter (22), Cade Conner (20), Mark Strbjak (24), Scott Jerge (15), and sophomore Nate Bubash (30), wait to see the outcome of a free throw. "Whenever we locked arms, they made the free throw," Conner said. "I guess we were kind of superstitious." **After losing to Kokomo,** Raphael Stringer (5), senior, struggles to get up with the help of his parents. "I felt like the world was coming to an end," Stringer said. "That was the end, and it wasn't supposed to be the end yet." **To get the rebound,** Nate Bubash (30), sophomore, runs after the ball to get the possession.

record-setting season

- completed the regular season undefeated 20-0
- Senior Class had a record of 89-12, the best record of a Senior Class
- finished the Conference season undefeated for the first time
- ranked No. 1 in the state in both polls for the first time

Boys' Varsity Basketball *(front row)* Oliver Sutter, Scott Jerge, Christian Young, Michael Schlotman, Cade Conner *(second row)* Mark Strbjak, Brian Stolarz, Nathan Bubash, Ricky Carbajal, Joe Crisman, Raphael Stringer *(back row)* Coach John Doherty, Coach Bojan Jovanivic, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Greg Luksich, Coach Michael Mikolajczyk

Boys' JV Basketball *(front row)* Kevin O'Brien, Craig Dedelow, Michael Kitchell, Sean McCarthy, Alex Sikora *(back row)* Coach Bojan Jovanivic, Mike Mueller, Matt Charles, Cody Grzybowski, Thomas Sowinski, David Carbajal, Brandon Galambos, Coach Greg Luksich

Boys' Freshman Basketball *(front row)* Sam Toth, Steven Malloy, Alex Del Rio, Steven Herndon, Steven Rakich, Jesse Bruzan, Luke Wuchenich *(back row)* Saam Mojtahed, Patrick McCarthy, Sam Helmer, Coach Michael Mikolajczyk, Anthony Conroyd, Peter Kurowski, Ben Wanicki, Jamal Jenkins

Boys' Varsity Basketball 25-1

6-0 Conference

Hammond Gavit 85-35
Hammond High 91-50
Morton 89-45
East Chicago 61-45
Penn 69-57
Lake Central 48-33
Warren Central 58-50
Marion/Roncalli 61-37
Kankakee Valley 91-37
Highland 73-52
Michigan City 58-52
Hobart 65-27
Lowell 75-53
Valparaiso 48-25
Griffith 69-40
Merrillville 75-64
Gary West 52-41
Andrean 79-47
Chesterton 81-50
SB Riley 81-74

Post Season

Gary West 69-48
Lake Central 54-53
East Chicago 44-41
SB Riley 52-48
Valparaiso 40-38
Kokomo 44-47

Boys' JV Basketball 14-6

5-0 Conference

Gavit 35-23
Hammond High 54-19
Morton 39-36
East Chicago 44-47
Penn 42-43
Lake Central 62-56
Warren Central 27-46
Roncalli 31-35
Kankakee Valley 35-28
Highland 41-18
Michigan City 48-63
Hobart 37-17
Lowell 41-33
Valparaiso 25-49
Griffith 42-26
Merrillville 33-30
Gary West 37-33
Andrean 44-34
Chesterton 38-34
SB Riley 45-32

Boys' Freshman Basketball A 16-2

6-0 Conference

Lowell 55-24
Crown Point 42-30
Highland 57-26
Morton 59-45
Kankakee Valley 36-27
Hobart 42-17
Portage 36-31
Calumet 47-15
Lake Central 32-45
Bishop Noll 38-24
Griffith 59-29
Hammond 45-27
East Chicago 47-45
Andrean 50-22
Lake Central 36-33
Merrillville 48-38
Valparaiso 46-39
Chesterton 57-59

Boy's Freshman Basketball B 3-3

1-0 Conference

Crown Point 51-48
Highland 26-10
Portage 36-31
Lake Central 30-36
Valparaiso 38-44
Chesterton 34-35

making way

with practices before and after school, the Girls' Swimming Team places seventh at State

Gliding through the smooth surface of the water, Ashley Hwang, freshman, warms up during yet another morning practice. The Varsity Girls' Swimming Team hopped into the frigid pool at 5:15 a.m. on normal days and 6 a.m. on late starts.

Practices served as a time for the swimmers to conquer the setback of losing their coach, according to captain Elaine Pitsas, senior.

"We all knew we needed to come together because a new experience was ahead," Pitsas said. "Losing our coach brought us closer because we needed to be together to get the final result."

The team's new leader, Coach Julie Feingold, pushed the girls to work hard to win numerous meets, according to Brittany Gilbert, junior. The Seahorses started strong with victories, such as Hobart (132-48) and Griffith (143-43). The freshmen proved themselves as skilled swimmers, according to Gilbert.

"We had a ton of freshmen, and they had talent," Gilbert said.

With the new swimmers, the girls won almost all their meets, working towards top 10 at State. Building up their confidence, the Seahorses placed first in the Northwest Crossroads Conference Meet , winning 11 out of the 12 events.

Sectionals served as another time for them to shine. They achieved the third consecutive Sectional title with eight first places.

Motivation like this pushed the girls to aim high for State. Soon the girls began to taper, or taking it easier at practices and did some "mental swimming," according to Mary Beth Blocher, freshman.

Hoping to carry on the success to Indianapolis, the lady Seahorses remained determined to finish strong. Such determination seemed evident in Pitsas, who decided to swim at State even with a completely torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee, going against the doctors, according to Pitsas.

The girls achieved an overall title of seventh at State. Although placing lower than in previous years, the team reached Coach Feingold's goal.

Satisfied with the team's performance, Coach Feingold and the girls rejoiced over a great season, according to Homans.

"It was a very good season, I would have to say, because we exceeded other teams' expectations for us," Emily Wimmer, junior, said. "They thought that because we lost all of the seniors that we were going to fail, but we worked really hard to overcome that."

diving in

Stretching before a dive, Sectional Champion Karly Taylor, senior, prepares to continue her success. **Inches from the water,** Taylor dives to fourth at Regionals and fifth at State. **Before a dive,** Courtney Lagestee, senior, talks to Coach Feingold. "We usually talked about what I should do in each dive," Lagestee said.

Varsity Swimming
9-2

S-0 Conference
Penn 81-105
Hobart 273-46
Crown Point 112-74
Highland 152-25
Griffith 143-43
Kankakee Valley 101-85
Valparaiso 117-69
Lowell 112-74
Hamilton South Eastern Splash
3rd Place
Merrillville 147-39
Highland Invite 2nd Place
NCC 1st Place
Lake Central 103-83
Chesterton 66-120

Post Season
Sectionals
1st Place
State
7th Place

Honors
Sectional Champions
NCC Champions
State: 200 MR-8th (Brittany Gilbert, Emily Wimmer, Ashley Hwang, Elaine Pitsas); Diving-5th (Karly Taylor), 8th (Courtney La geslee), Fly-10th (Brittany Gilbert); 200 FR- 9th (Mary Beth Blocher, Joann Wakefield, Elaine Pitsas, Jillian Homans); 100 Back-10th (Brittany Gilbert); 400 FR-5th (Brittany Gilbert, Elaine Pitsas, Mary Beth Blocher, Jillian Homans)

lead the pack
Staying ahead, Brittany Gilbert, junior, continues breast stroke. "Usually when I swam at meets, I didn't think about anything," Gilbert said. "I just told myself before my race what I wanted to do, and then the rest was up to what I did at practice."

nervous habit
On the sidelines, Jenny Tassaro, sophomore, bites her nails before a race. "I just got the jitters," Tassaro said. "I was always nervous before an event, but I was usually fine during and after each event."

free style
Gasping for air in between strokes, Pam Muangmingsuk, freshman, swims free style at Penn. Freshmen claimed Varsity spots, replacing several seniors. "The freshmen really stepped up," Brittany Gilbert, junior, said. The Girls' Varsity Swimming Team lost against Penn 81-105.

Girls' Swimming *(front row)* Amelia Georgas, Emma Witt, Amanda Martin, Selena Samardzich, Rachel Chen, Pam Muangmingsuk, Mia Torres, Selena Ceja, Ashley Hwang *(second row)* Bianca Bohling, Jenny Tassaro, Allison Lucherne, Chloe Sanuito, Kelly Russell, Heather Hemingway, Ishani Sharma, Rilee Whitaker, Rachel Spencer *(third row)* Monica Lee, Annilee Taylor, Stefanie Briggs, Emily Wimmer, Gabbi Dore, Arielle Martin, Delilah Owens, Deana Rios, Natalia Swiatko, Megan Sellberg, Coach Feingold *(fourth row)* Jillian Homans, Joann Wakefield, Elaine Pitsas, Brittany Gilbert, Emily Lagestee, Elena Sroge, Mary Blocher, Coach Smith, Coach Gober *(back row)* Karly Taylor, Cara Feeney, Courtney Lagestee, Lyndsay Spyrka, Savannah Kurgan, Nathalie Kauz, Allison Wisniewski, Sammi Koufos

> "I was the kind of swimmer who was never completely happy with my times. I always wanted to be going faster."
> -Jillian Homans, junior

pinning success

advancing to Regionals, the Wrestling Team qualifies 11 for Semistate and two for State

Stomach empty, each wrestler steps onto the scale to weigh in before matches. The team fasted for two days before each match in order to lose weight, according to Alex Crowe, sophomore.

"We starved ourselves for two days to be in a lower weight class," Crowe said. "After the weigh-in, we'd have three hours before the match, so we'd fill up in that time. We were already assigned to our weight classes, so it didn't matter if we gained weight after that."

Strategies like this helped the team finish undefeated in its Conference. Also, with daily practices and work-outs in the weight room, the Wrestling Team won 21 matches out of the 26 in the season.

On top of these accomplishments, the boys tied first at the Lake County Tournament with Lake Central, which "never happens," according to captain Jack Seaman, senior. With four champions, the team won the Northwest Crossroads Conference meet for the second consecutive year. This boosted their confidence for Post Season, according to Seaman.

"Heading into Sectionals, we felt ready," Seaman said. "The only thing was that Lake Central was in our Sectional, so we knew it was going to be close."

The Wrestling Team defeated Lake Central, earning first place at Sectionals with seven champions.

Moving on to Regionals, the Wrestling Team won against Portage 32-26. They lost the second round to Crown Point 9-54. With four Regional Champions, 11 wrestlers qualified for Semistate, which was the most ever, according to Coach Dan Gelarden, Wilbur Wright Science teacher.

Winning in their weight classes at Semistate, Seaman and Santo Marciano, sophomore, advanced to State. Seaman advanced to State for the first time in his four years.

Seaman placed fourth at State in his weight class, 215 pounds. Marciano placed 7th at 103 pounds.

Along with new wrestlers like Marciano, the team's experience added to its strength, according to Coach Gelarden.

"Most had been wrestling for a long time," Gelarden said. "This sport took experience."

Their season proved successful, winning County, Conference and Sectionals, according to Seaman.

warm up
At an after school practice, captain Jack Seaman, senior, gets in position. The Wrestling Team practiced almost every day after school with various drills practicing moves to buddy carries, which were running sprints while carrying a partner.

on top of the game
Struggling to defeat his opponent, Jordan Cooper, senior, tries to keep his lead. Wrestling required perseverance and strength to win.

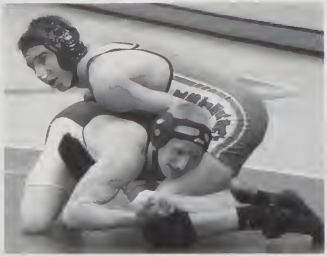
state qualifiers

Head to head, Santo Marciano, sophomore, practices for State after winning Semistate. Marciano believed he had an advantage. "I was best on bottom," Marciano said. "I was small, it was easy for me to maneuver." Marciano had a record of 43-6. **Pinning his opponent,** captain Jack Seaman, senior, wrestles at Sectionals on his way to State. "It was an awesome experience, standing in the mats and looking at the people watching you," Seaman said. "It was like nothing I had done before. It was scary, but I loved it every minute of it."

Wrestling *(from: row)* Brandon Tepper, Santo Marciano, Aurelio Medina, Edwin Rodriguez, Deven Rodgers *(second row)* Michael Briette, Nick Powell, John Naurac, Luke Smith, Matt Henderson, Tyler Musgrove, Darius Flores, Zach Slosser, Jordan Cooper *(third row)* Coach Gonzalez, Coach Alb, Tim Wieser, Matt Menchaca, Adam Bogs, Mason Dinga, Ian Boston, Erick Svoboda, Davis Flores, Ryan Brickman, Coach Gelarden, Coach Maldonado *(back row)* Eli Gonzalez, Dominic Fimbianti, Tyler Kerrick, Jack Seaman, Tyler Adams, Chris Kritzer, Steve LeBeau

ready, set
In the starting position, Mike Briette, senior, gets ready to take on his Crown Point opponent. The Wrestling Team lost to Crown Point in the second Regional round 9-54.

hang on
Wrapped around his opponent, Luke Smith, senior, holds on tight with plugs in his nose. "I used nose plugs to stop nosebleeds, " Smith said. "I frequently got nosebleeds during wrestling matches!"



Varsity Wrestling
21-5
5-0 Conference
Elkhart Memorial 39-24
Chesterton 56-17
McCutcheon 34 37
Delphi 42-36
Shenandoah 52-25
Kankakee Valley 42-25
Andrean 82-0
Lowell 37-33
Valparaiso 45-28
Michigan City 54-27
Boone Grove 82-0
Warsaw 60-18
Floyd Central 54 14
Franklin 10-58
Lawrence North 42-24
Westfield 34-40
Portage 43-28
Hobart 42-34
Griffith 48-28
New Prairie 64-16
Lake Central 39-25
East Noble 36-30
South Bend Clay 24-42
Highland 65-13
Al Smith Invitational 12th
Lake County Tournament 1st
NCC Conference 1st

Post Season
Sectionals
1st Place
State
7th Place

Honors
NCC Champions
Sectional Champions
Regional Champions
Jack Seaman-4th;
Santo Marciano-7th

"Advancing to State was probably my greatest achievement in my wrestling career so far. The feeling was indescribable. Few people from Munster could say they won Semistate."
-captain Jack Seaman, senior

Girls' Freshman Basketball Team *(front row)* Alyssa Wojcik, Olivia Askew, Sadie Conner, Abigail Bednarowski, Kimberly Szymkowski , Sydney Puckett *(back row)* Coach Kyleen Eden, Danica Obradovic, Elizabeth Kloos, Morgan Switalla, Catherine Lebryk, Amber Kimbrough

Girls' JV Basketball Team *(front row)* Briana Zunica, Hannah White, Sylvie Kristoff, Jolie Watson, Jennifer Kristoff, Serena Lopez *(back row)* Coach Jason Grunewald, Briana Williams, Gabriella Ramirez, Bernadette Grabowski, Alexis DeLuna, Jennifer Allen, Ida Sund

Girls' Varsity Basketball Team *(front row)* Jennifer Walton, Alyssa Sheets, Morgan Newton, Lauren Grunewald, Hannah Buvala, Anika Gasich *(second row)* Molly Imrich, Deepa Devanathan, Aleks Obradovic, Alex Fimbianti, Gabriella Roque, Jenna Pagane,Coach Patty Pfister *(back row)* Coach Kyleen Eden, Coach Jason Grunewald, Coach Matthew Backs, Coach Wisser

All huddled together, the Girls'Varsity Basketball Team cheers before the Lowell game. Cheering proved to be a success when the girls won 44-37. "Lowell was a pretty good game for us," captain Alyssa Sheets, junior, said. "They used good tactics like half court pressure to stop us, but we just got past them. Our defense looked better than usual that day too."

About to shoot a basket, Jenna Pagane, senior, tries to get past a Lowell opponent. "They tried to stop our offense by using half court pressure, but we didn't have any problems breaking the press," Pagane said. "We were happy to win a Conference game."

Breaking her opponent's block, Aleks Obradovic, junior, prepares to make her shot against Lowell. The girls ended the season with seven wins and 12 losses. Throughout the season, the girls worked mainly on defense and communication on the court. For next season, the girls' basketball team is looking to improve on defense and cutting down on turnovers, according to head Coach Matthew Bakcs, Wilbur Wright teacher.

Girls' Varsity Basketball
8-10
NCC 3-3
Chesterton 61-74
Andrean 32-41
University 64-17
Tippey Valley 51-40
Noblesville 45-37
Lake Central 52-55
Hobart 24-35
Lowell 44-37
Gary West Side 34-41
Griffith 48-31
Merrillville 41-54
Calumet 43-56
Morton 57-14
Kankakee Valley 47-33
Highland 59-42
Mishawaka 43-57
East Chicago 52-63

Post Season Sectionals
Lake Central 44-53

Girls' JV Basketball
9-8
NCC 2-3
Chesterton 31-41
Andrean 20-19
University 36-8
Lake Central 28-36
Hobart 15-39
Lowell 36-30
Gary West Side 31-22
Griffith 31-26
Hanover Central 28-36
Merrillville 41-40
Calumet 44-15
Penn 16-56
Morton 42-20
Kankakee Valley 28-51
Highland 27-32
Mishawaka 36-56
East Chicago 24-18

Girls' Freshman Basketball
8-4
Calumet 45-6
Hobart 40-19
Lake Central 30-25
Chesterton 34-27
Lowell 25-23
Chesterton 12-23
Portage 13-25
Crown Point 19-14
Valparaiso 21-41
Merrillville 25-30
Bishop Noll 26-12
Lake Central 36-12

"We didn't have the greatest season ever, but I'll never forget it. Everyone played with so much heart that I couldn't be that upset. We had a great group of girls."
- captain Alyssa Sheets, junior

looking onward

losing to Lake Central in Sectionals, Girls' Basketball prepares for improvement

Twisting and weaving through opposing players, Jennifer Walton, senior, breaks past the Lake Central defensive with ease and scores a basket. The crowd goes wild, yet little did they know that it would be one of the final shots of the season.

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team concluded their season with the second round of Sectionals in a loss agsinst Lake Central (53-44). The girls also ended the season with seven wins and 12 losses.

"I was disappointed with how the season turned out," head Coach Matthew Backs, Wilbur Wright teacher said. "It was all about player confidence. If the girls played like they did at practice, it would've turned out like it should have, and we would've won."

Briana Zunica, sophomore, agreed, but she believed the loss came from Lake Central's pressing techniques and player confidence.

"I think we played well individually, but when they (Lake Central) pressed us, we got too scared to take the basket, and it made us give up the ball a few times," Zunica said. "Instead of slowing down, we were too nervous."

With several turnovers and an increase in pressure, Lake Central was hard to beat, according to Anika Gasich, sophomore.

"We started out good, but didn't finish out strong," Gasich said. "We had a lot of turnovers. We had the mind-set but lost focus through all of the pressure."

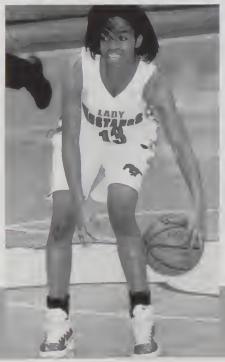
Even though the season ended early with losing Sectionals, the girls had big plans for improvement. They wanted to work on boxing out, rebounds, anticipation and agressiveness, according to Gasich.

Along with improvements came success. The highlights of the season included winning the Tippey Valley Tournament and beating Lowell (44-37), according to captain Alyssa Sheets, junior.

With high hopes for next season, the team plans to show everyone that they are a challenge to defeat, according to Alex Fimbianti, senior.

fighting chance
As the buzzer ticks away in the fourth quarter, juniors Deepa Devanathan and Lauren Grunewald wait in anticipation during the Sectional game against Lake Central. "Towards the end of the game I had a lot of emotions," Devanathan said. "I was thinking about what a great team we were and and how we had to fight to overcome adversity."

she shoots, she scores



Jennifer Walton, senior
made 30 of 63 freethrows and leader in scoring

Alyssa Sheets, junior
made 31 of 103 3-pointers

Anika Gasich, sophomore
made 24 of 29 freethrows
made 27 of 84 3-pointers and best percentage of completed freethrows

grab and go
Dribbling the ball down the court, Jennifer Walton, senior, gets ready to pass the ball at the Lowell game. "I just tried to always play aggressive and get my teammates involved," Walton said. "You definitely wanted to play well, so there was a little pressure; but giving your all on the court definitely relieved that pressure."

around town

Sumanth Chintamani, senior, uses an alternative means of transportation

"I always used my bike. To me it was more fun, and I never needed to find a parking spot. I liked that it was more open than being in a car."

-Sumanth Chintamani, senior

hole in one

With a flick of his wrist, Eric Aidinovich, sophomore, sends the frisbee towards the basket. "I liked the peace of the sport," Aidinovich said. "There was no competition, it was for fun. You just threw a disc."

muscle work

Pulling down the bands to work the hamstring and quadricep muscles, Caley Mintz, junior, performs a TRX band lunge during her Ignite class. Her exercise involved crouching one leg and bending the other, according to Mintz. "The bands gave more arm resistance and worked your arms partially," Mintz said.

board tricks

After school Marcus Prado, sophomore heads over to the skate park and spends a few hours skateboarding. "Skateboardng was my favorite thing to do. I loved just going to the skate park," Prado said. "I wished I could do it all the time, and I wished it was a sport that we could have had at school."

all for fun

Eyeing the hoop, Michael Mavity, senior, aims for the basket during a biddy ball game. Many students found biddy ball as a way to play competitive basketball outside of school.

moving forward

students stayed active outside of school with things like bike riding, dance, and skateboarding

Heading to the grocery store, Sumanth Chintamani, senior, opens the garage and pulls his bicycle out of the driveway.

"I literally rode my bike everywhere. It wasn't until my sister went to college and left her car at home that I started driving," Sumanth said. "I thought it was better because gas was pretty expensive, and riding your bike around gave you exercise. It was also good because if you wanted to go somewhere with one of your friends, biking was really easy. Even in the winter, I preferred riding my bike."

Although riding his bike saved him money on gas, maintaining a bike proved expensive, according to Sumanth.

"I got a cheap bike from Target, and of course, I got what I was paying for," Sumanth said. "I spent a lot of money replacing parts and maintaining it since I used it all the time. I still thought it was cheaper than paying $4.50 for a gallon of gas."

Some students, like Helena Jancosek, sophomore, stayed active with weekly dance classes. Every week Helena took ballet, jazz, tap, modern, pointe, and tumbling. Helena took dance classes for four days a week.

"I danced about four hours a day. I didn't sleep that much because I was dancing for about 75 percent of my time," Helena said. "And of course, homework, studying, and extracurricular activities like choir and theater consumed all the rest of my time."

Caitlin Curran spent three to four hours a week at Parisi classes at Omni 41 Fitness Center.

"I went so that I could better my athletic performance and improve my skill and endurance," Caitlin said. "I really liked the strength training. It made me felt like I was reaching my target areas. I was really doing it so that I could train for the soccer season in the fall. I also really liked the leniency because I could go any day of the week, and I could check the schedule to see which classes I liked, and I could just go those days."

From riding their bikes around town to run errands to spending a few hours after school in the dance studio, students found ways to stay active outside of school sports.

light as a feather
Performing an entrechat, Sam Morse, senior, leaps into the air, rapidly crosses her legs in front of and behind each other, then closes to perfect the step. Sam takes this class on flat shoes to make the basics easier on pointe shoes, which she started using at age 12. "It (dancing on pointe) was kind of my right of passage into dance," Morse said. "It was hard to get used to. It was harder to balance than on flats. I was really shaky, and it was hard to do anything. Once I got into it, it was a good challenge."

high flyer
Swinging his leg in midair, Kyle Mundy, senior, performs a jump angle kick while sparring with a partner. The jump angle kick involved a 45 degree angle kick added with a jump for more power for the purpose of getting around a partner's guard, according to Mundy. "Your mind was racing during a sparring match," Mundy said. "I thought that kick would be the best to use in that situation."

going the distance

with 12 state qualifiers, the team looks to a successful season by reaching their ultimate goal

"When Colleen Ogren, sophomore, won the 4 x 800m relay at Regionals with seniors, Kyela Specht and Kaitlyn Hobbs, and Allison Boyle, junior, she could hardly believe it."

"That was the highlight of the season for me, by far," Ogren said. "I was such great friends with these girls, and it made me really happy and grateful that all those practices and all of our hard work paid off. It was great to know that we reached our goal of making it to State."

At the Penn Invite, the girls placed 3rd, but it proved a helpful way to see their competition during the regular season, according to Emily McNicholas, freshman.

"We just got to see all the awesome competition from some of the best teams in Indiana, and we got to see how we measured up to them," McNicholas said. "Big invites like this were great ways to bond with the team. Everyone who went from our team just bonded so much. It was just the best meet of thwe season."

The girls won the Conference Meet, breaking a few meet records, according to Coach Rick Sluder, social studies teacher.

Conference also gave the girls a chance to improve their times, according to Julie Puvogel, senior.

"The day of Conference was the first time we really saw hwot weather all season, so it was different," Puvogel said. "We were all trying to take advantage of the good weather and improve our times for teh post season."

Placing 2nd overall at Sectionals, the team moved on to Regionals, where the team placed 3rd overall and 12 girls qualified for State.

"As a team and as a coaching staff, it was such a thrill every time one of the girls won her race," Coach Sluder said."It was exciting. Every time a girl qualified, it was like getting a little present. We'd all just get so giddy and excited, and it was a great feeling."

Specht, who qualified in the 4 x 800m relay and in the 800m dash, felt accomplished to make it to state.

"I was so proud of our team, and it felt so great to get to State with my friends," Specht said.

At State Brianna Williams, sophomore, placed 8th in long jump, and the team placed 55th overall.

overcoming obstacles
Eyes on the track ahead, Alex Meier, junior, jumps over a hurdle at Conference. "It was different this season because I was one of the top hurdlers, and that was a great feeling," Meier said. "It was great to know how much I contributed."

racing ahead
In the middle of a race at Conference, captain Kyela Specht, senior, takes the lead. "It was always a great feeling to win races because I knew my hard work paid off. I felt really good during that last lap," Specht said. "We won quite a few events, and if we didn't, we placed 2nd or 3rd, so we did very well overall."

stretching it out
Before conference Olivia Koufos, senior, stretches before the race. Stretching proved important so that the runners' legs wouldn't cramp upwhile they ran. "I never ran without warming up because I wouldn't want to hurt myself during the race."

raising the bar
Airborn, Lindsay Spyrka, junior, pole vaults at a meet. Pole vaulting involved jumping over a height. "It was a challenging event, but it was really rewarding," Spyrka said.

pass off
Recieving the baton from Allison Boyle, junior, Collen Ogren, sophomore, starts her leg of the relay. "That relay was important for us because it was just another step towards our goal, State,"Ogren said.

to the finishline
Leading the race, Brianna Williams, sophomore, wins her event at Conference. "It made us a step closer to State," Williams said. Williams finished 8th at State in the long jump.

Girls' Varsity Track
1-10-4

Valporaiso 59.5-71.5
Andreau 186-23
Kankakee Valley 151-60
Griffith 106-26
Lowell 98-34
Penn Invite 3rd
Highland 94-37
Highland Invite 1st
Hobart 107-25
NCC Conference 1st

Post Season
Sectionals 2nd
Regional 3rd
State Finals 11th Place

in the rain

the girls found a way to push through the rainy weather and run as fast as they could

"The rain affected some of the girls, but it didn't really phase me since I was a sprinter. I could imagine some of the distance girls getting affected by the weather since they had to run long distances. Only one of our meets got postponed, so we had to learn to push through it."

-**Caley Mintz, Junior**

Varsity Girls' Track *(front row)* Aesha Maniar, Julie Puvogel, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Emily Koufos, Olivia Koufos, Kristina Traxler, Shakyla Askew, Brittney Birmingham, Alana Schmidt *(second row)* Hayley Morris, Caley Mintz, Morgan Stahl, Kayla Keith, Taneva Hawkins, Daniel Jones, Kyela Specht, Gabrielle DalleCarbonare, Allison Boyle, Charity Davis *(third row)* Taylor Watrobka, Kate DeGeorge, Anita Perala, Lindsay Spyrka, Sarah Dedekow, Alex Meier, Nicole Bizoukas, Elah Brooks, Hannah Marriot *(fourth row)* Megan Ford, Kaela Burton, Brianna Williams, Colleen Ogren, Katie Bohling, Carrie Boelt, Sierra Smith, Risa Christopher, Kieara Mosely, Mariah Saucedo *(fifth row)* Emma Witt, Anna Stooksbury, Jade Broadnax, Emmah Hong, Jackie Ashley, Zorana Blagojavic, Melissa Vezmar, Alisha Maiolo, Tyra Lott *(sixth row)* Katie Long, Lexi Carrizales Maritza Garcia, Kim Szymkowski, Lea Audwaaton, Kristina Todorovic, Sydney Gunty, Andrea Rodriguez, Kailey Loughlin, Olivia Askew *(back row)* Coach Rick Sluder, Rebecca Karnezis, Elaine Zmuda, Judie Muhrez, Allison Mudrow, Cassidy Schwartz, Emily McNicholas, Savannah Kurgan, Coach Kyleen Nolan, Coach Thomas Barnes

Varsity Baseball
10-17
NCC 2-10
Clark 4-5
TH South 9-5
New Haven 12-3
Merrillville 3-1
Lake Central 2-14
Valparaiso 5-4
Crown Point 5-4
Portage 1-7
Bishop Noll 8-0
Hobart 0-3
Lowell 5-4
Griffith 8-0
Kankakee Valley 6-7
Andrean 2-6
Highland 2-7
East Chicago 18-2
Hobart 5-6
Lowell 6-11
Griffith 4-6
Kankakee Valley 2-4
Andrean 2-7
Highland 5-7
Bellmont 2-4
FW Concordia 0-2
Chesterton 1-6

Post Season
Sectionals
Lowell 10-3
Lake Central 16-6

JV Baseball
16-6
Lake Central 6-11
Crown Point 2-4
Portage 3-4
Bishop Noll 13-9
Hobart 2-3
Griffith 6-0
Highland 7-0
Merrillville 11-3
Hobart 3-2
Lowell 7-0
Valparaiso 4-1
Valparaiso 6-1
Griffith 13-1
Andrean 3-4
Highland 14-4
Boone Grove 5-4
N. Newton 16-0
S. Newton 12-1
Kankakee Valley 12-2
Kankakee Valley 13-1
Lake Central 7-17
Chesterton 14-2

Freshman Baseball
12-3
Lake Central 0-7
Chesterton 19-4
Valparaiso 11-1
Boone Grove 13-3
Boone Grove 11-1
East Chicago 3-2
Kankakee Valley 13-1
Chesterton 9-1
Lowell 15-3
Lowell 12-1
Crown Point 12-7
Bishop Noll 12-3
Andrean 7-12
LW East 3-12
McCutcheon 14-12

Varsity Baseball *(front row)* Christian Leonokis, Colin Mudroncik, Jimmy Hinkleman, Scott jerge, Christian Catania, John Cristo *(second row)* Kyle Wargo, Evan Sylvester, Adam Larimer, Nathan Eagan, Allan Korem, Cade Connor, Brooks Platt *(third row)* Tyler Cole, Matthew Fehring, Michael Poulos, Mark Strbjak, Scott Crilly, Anthony Cress *(third row)* Coach Bob Shinkan, Anthony Gomez, Coach Matthew Backs, Ethan Flahaven, Coach Michael Mikolajczyk, Chris Slivka, Coach Rosen

JV Baseball *(front row)* Mat Enger, Andrew Zachau, Ben Becher, Nick Marlow, Brandon Mitchell *(second row)* Coach Matthew Backs, Danny Kotter, Kevin O'Brien, Scott Shaner, Ricky Erwin, Ryan Yates *(back row)* Trace McCarthy, Craig Dedelow, Alex Crowe, Mike Mueller, Zack Strbjak, Sean McCarthy, Allen Korem

Freshman Baseball *(front row)* Brandon Tepper, Alex Del Rio, Jon Azar, David Osborne, Jake Dillman, John Pitsas *(second row)* Alec Skalka, Chase Lorenz, Coach Michael Mikolajczyk, Alex Coccia, Alo Morado *(back row)* Eric Svoboda, Anthony Conroyd, Benjamin Wanicki, Samuel Bell, David Hladek, Jesse Bruzen

family matters

with a very close-knit group, the Boys' Varsity Baseball Team bond together

on the field

- pumped each other up by listening to 'pump up music' and naturally were excited to be playing the game they loved
- listened to the Chicago Bulls theme song right before games

off the field

- went to Kyle Wargo's house to watch some of the Chicago Bulls playoff games
- shaved their heads and got mohawks

source: Christian Catania, junior

take one for the team
At the Highland game, Brooks Platt, senior, bunts the ball to try to allow time for the other team members to position themselves on base. "I was just trying to get the runner from first to second," Platt said. "I put the bat out in front of the plate on the top of the ball to get the ball in play so I could do my job." The Mustangs lost 2-7.

finishing strong

beating Lowell in round one of Sectionals, Boys' Baseball Team faces challenges in round two

Coming up to bat, captain Jimmy Hinkleman, senior, feels confident as he steps up to the plate and realizes the Boys' Varsity Baseball Team is seconds away from winning the first round of Sectionals.

"It was nice to win a game in the post season," Christian Catania, junior, said. "We didn't make any errors that game, and that was an important part of winning. Unfortunately, we couldn't win anymore after that."

The Boys' Varsity Baseball Team beat Lowell 10-3 in the first round of Sectionals, moving on to the final round where they faced Lake Central, a team who "killed" them in regular season, and a large Sectional threat, according to John Cristo, senior.

However, the team fell short, losing to Lake Central with a score of 16-6 in the final round. The boys also ended their season with a 10-16 record.

"We were in almost every game losing by one or two runs, but the problems of the year were timely hitting with runners on base and finishing out the game," Scott Jerge, junior, said.

Disappointed, the boys just couldn't "put it together," according to Coach Bob Shinkan, mathematics teacher. However, with several games in a row and practices canceled due to rain at the beginning of the season, it was hard to get a good practice in all the time, according to Mark Strbjak, junior.

"We didn't have much time to practice," Strbjak said. "We had games day in and day out; we had to just take it day by day."

Along with these challenges, the boys faced problems with the amount of errors in the games.

"We had been making lots of key errors," Coach Shinkan said. "We tried to go back and play error free ball and get some timely hitting."

The team's strengths included getting along and playing as a team, and their weaknesses included inconsistency, which they tried to fix, according to Christian Catania.

Even though the boys didn't reach all of their goals of winning Conference and beating Lake Central, they had a very close knit group, according to Coach Shinkan.

"This team had really shown a lot of togetherness, it was a family atmosphere. Everyone worked really hard to try to improve themselves every day, and I enjoyed seeing that," Coach Shinkan said. "As we went throughout the season, that was key."

throwing game
Before the Lowell game starts, Michael Poulos, sophomore, warms up his pitching. The boys had a difficult time practicing because of rain outs and several games a week, according to Mark Strbjak, junior. The Mustangs defeated the Red Devils 5-4.

right on time
Ready for the ball, Kyle Wargo, senior, prepares to catch at the Lowell game. "As a catcher, you pretty much controled the whole game," Wargo said. "I called the pitches and told the pitcher where to throw them. In the Lowell game, I lead the game with a hit and was the designated hitter." The Mustangs beat the Red Devils 5-4.

batter up
After hitting the ball, Chris Slivka, junior, prepares to run to first base. "I played well and hit the ball hard," Slivka said. "I think we lost because we didn't play defense well enough and their pitcher was throwing well." The Mustangs lost 5-7

Boys' Golf *(front row)* Grant Doctor, Andrew Alvarez, Brandon Sparks, Tony Rubino, Kyle Wilkinson, Alex Gariup, Nicholas Simiz (*back row*) Coach Bill Smitka, Matt Specht, Christian Markey, Luke Wuchenich, Nikola Tatic, AJ Gauthier, Danny Falloon, Coach Mike Golumbeck

Varsity Golf
12-3
NCC 4-1
Morton 157-233
Valparaiso 177-159
Lake Cetral 161-161
Highland 153-190
Portage 170-174
Andrean 166-158
Bishop Noll/Andrean/Gavit 173-243
Rensselear Invite
8th of 19
Hobart 169-207
Michigan City 161-185
HC 161-186
Lowell 160-187
JV Invite 1st of 7
Lake Central Invite
2nd of 12
NCC Conference Meet 1st

Post Season
Sectionals 1st
Regionals 11th

keeping score

Danny Falloon, senior, records his score during a meet

par: standard number of strokes in which a scratch player would be expected to complete a hole or course

bogey: score of one over par

double-bogey: score of two over par

triple-bogey: score of three over par

birdie: score of one under par

eagle: score of two under par

double-eagle: score of three under par

condor: score of four under par

short ball
Putting at the Briar Ridge Golf Course, Grant Doctor, junior, practices as teammate Luke Wuchenich, sophomore, holds the flag. The Boys' Golf Team mainly practiced on their short game during the season, according to AJ Gauthier, sophomore.

in full swing
At their Centennial practice course, Tony Rubino, senior, practices his shots on the driving range. Tony served as a leading scorer, according to Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher.

leveling courses

taking first at Conference and Sectionals, Boys' Varsity Golf Team advances to LaPorte Regional

For the first time in five years, the Boys' Varsity Golf Team snatches the Sectional Title from Lake Central, advancing to the LaPorte Regional.

With a score of 77, captain Tony Rubino, senior, led to the team to victory, while overcoming three double bogeys in the front nine with three birdies over his final nine holes. With a combined score of 320, the Mustangs ended Lake Central's Sectional dominance by ten points.

"Lake Central won Sectionals five years in a row, so it was great to finally take it from them," Rubino said.

At Regionals, the boys did not play their usual best, according to AJ Gauthier, sophomore.

"Regionals didn't really go as planned," Gauthier said. "We didn't play that well, and it was kind of a disappointment. We won Sectionals though, and that was really good, especially with the young team we had this season."

With the addition of Matt Specht, freshman, and with only two seniors on Varsity, Tony Rubino and Danny Falloon, the young team really stepped it up, especially with the improvement from Gauthier's game, according to Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher.

By the end of the season, Gauthier could routinely drive the ball at least 300 yards, an improvement of nearly 40 yards since last season.

"I thought part of it (AJ's improvement) was just that he wasn't a freshman anymore," Coach Smitka said. "Last year, everything was new. He had a year of experience under his belt, and he was in much better physical shape this season."

With new and improved players, the Mustangs proved their power with a record of 10-2 going into post season, receiving first at the Northwest Crossroads Conference (NCC) meet, getting first at Sectionals and advancing to Regionals where they shot a combined score of 337, receiving 11th place.

"Overall we had a great year," Gauthier said. "Winning Conference and Sectionals was great, and during the season, everyone stepped up when they needed to."

ready, set, shoot
Carefully planning his next shot, AJ Gauthier, sophomore, looks for the best place to hit the ball at the match against Michigan City. "I usually wrote positive sayings or quotes on my hand," Gauthier said. "Sometimes I used golf balls that people drew on for me, but the luckiest charm I had was my bucket hat." The boys beat Michigan City 161-185.

big time player
With little experience as a high school golfer, Matthew Specht, freshman, steps up as a Varsity player. "The team was supportive of me," Specht said. "It was a little more of a hassle staying up late at night doing homework. And there was always the nerves before a match. But I was a lot more stress-free knowing I got the spot."

all the way through
During a practice at Briar Ridge, Grant Doctor, junior, works on his strokes. "The thing I practiced the most was my short game," Doctor said. "That was the area you could cut the most strokes off your score."

making their mark

with all three singles players and both doubles teams qualifying for the All-District and All-Conference Team, the Girls' Tennis Team shows its depth in skill

Varsity Tennis
11-1
6-0 Conference
Lowell 4-1
Crown Point 4-1
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Highland 3-2
Carmel Invite 5th Place
Hobart 5-0
West Lafayette 3-2
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Chesterton 3-2
South Bend St. Joe 1-4
Valparaiso 3-2
Plymouth 3-2

Post Season
Sectionals
Morton 5-0
Lake Central 5-0

Regionals
Highland 2-3

JV Tennis
10-1-1
6-0 Conference
Crown Point 9-1
Lowell 7-4

Kankakee Valley 8-0
Highland 10-2
Hobart 5-0
West Lafayette 8-7
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Chesterton 7-4
St. Joe 3-8
Valparaiso 6-6
Plymouth 3-2

Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association All-District Team qualifiers: Jessica Rooth, freshman; Paige Heuer, sophomore; Erica Tritsch, sophomore; Mariana Rodgers, sophomore; Christiann Tavitas, junior; Sam Sakevicius, junior; and Andjela Radmilovic, senior (top 16 singles players and top 8 doubles teams in District 1, out of 54 schools)

With a tight grip on her racket, Jessica Rooth, freshman, follows through with her forehand. **Focused on winning**, sophomores Erica Tritsch and Paige Heuer change the scorecards in their favor.

Girls' Tennis *(front row)* Erica Tritsch, Jessica Rooth, Sam Sakevicius, Christiann Tavitas, Andjela Radmilovic, Paige Heuer, Mariana Rodgers *(second row)* Danielle Koultourides, Julie Watson, Coach Bill Heuer, Coach Penny Heuer, Melissa Tepperman, Alison Wisniewski *(third row)* Rachel Ruffalo, Anastasia Mileusnic, Priya Shah, Haley Reda, Shivani Kumar, Maggie Cole *(back row)* Kasey Kulesa, Ameera Minhas, Sydney Puckett, Tatiana Lopez, Rachel Chen, Alexis Monthie, Maggie Szakas, Danica Obradovic, Tania Cordova, Heather Hemingway, Alyssa Heeter

eye on the ball
Stepping forward to make contact with the ball, Paige Heuer, sophomore, performs a backhand as she goes to swing. Approaching the ball, Heuer moves in toward it to make it land in bounce. "If you stepped back, it would go out," Heuer said. "I was putting a lot of top spin on the ball because that also helped it drop in."

looking forward

ignoring the rain, the Girls' Tennis Team plays its way to a Sectional title

Lugging a tennis bag filled with two rackets, a Gatorade and miscellaneous clothing items, captain Andjela Radmilovic, senior, walks onto the courts ready for another three hour practice after school.

Now that challenge matches ended and the ladder was determined, the Girls' Tennis Team focused on working towards its number one goal: defeating Highland.

Racking up the wins, the girls gained confidence by winning matches such as West Lafayette (3-2), Chesterton (3-2) and Kankakee Valley (4-1). As the day to play Highland arrived, fans lined the bleachers in red and cheered on the girls to a 3-2 victory.

"I was so glad to have such a great support group," Paige Heuer, sophomore, said. "Everyone wanted to come to the Highland match and help cheer us on. This was a big factor on the outcome of the match because we never wanted to let our fans down, so we had a terrific win against Highland."

Encouraged by this, the Girls' Tennis Team prepared for Post Season by ignoring the rainy weather and playing in doors at Match Point.

"Our team got stronger daily," Erica Tristch, sophomore, said. "We could always improve consistency. We were practicing hard and strategically planning out how to play each opponent."

Winning Sectionals for the 35th consecutive year, the next stop was Highland again. Losing Regionals the past year motivated the girls even more. Coach Bill Heuer worked on arranging the lineup to best fit their opponents. Thus far, going undefeated, the Girls' Tennis Team wanted to keep the spotless record going.

"If I was in Highland's position, after losing to us, I would have change the lines," Coach Heuer said. "You had to try to predict as best you could. We were considering changing our own lineup."

With Highland switching their number two singles player to number one doubles and their number three singles to number two doubles, the Mustangs lost against the Trojans 2-3. The only wins came from juniors Sam Sakevicius and Christiann Tavitas. Smiles faded and hearts sank as Highland racked revenge for a previous loss in the season.

"You could tell they really wanted to win," Jessica Rooth, freshman, said. "We knew they had changed the lineup, so we were ready, but they were really aggressive and fought really hard. We did what we could."

Highland triumphed over both of the Mustangs' doubles teams, and Rooth lost to Highland's number one single player.

"We went out there and gave it our best shot," Sakevicius said. "We gave a good fight. It came all the way to a tie breaker in the end, but there wasn't really much you could do about it."

game on
About to toss the ball for a serve, Sam Sakevicius, junior, concentrates on her target. Playing two singles, Sakevicius defeated her Crown Point opponent. The Girls' Tennis Team also won 4-1.

double trouble
In the ready position, Andjela Radmilovic, senior, and Mariana Rodgers, sophomore, play number two doubles. Spending so much time together, they became a "family." "We pumped each other up," Rogers said, "and we wanted to do things right."

serving with style
Hitting the ball with full force, Erica Tritsch, sophomore, plays Chesterton (3-2) and remains determined to keep the streak going. The Girls' Tennis Team faced difficulties at first, according to Tritsch. "What was tough about this year was we lost four really good players, and we only had two returning varsity players," Tritsch said.

jumping hurdles

overcoming injuries, Boys' Track team utilizes new track, place in State

As his fingers touch the rough black track, Bart Grabowski, junior, pictures the win. He grips the shiny baton in his hands, takes a deep breath in. The gun pops. His relay at State begins.

Grabowski along with six other runners qualified for the State tournament in Valparaiso. Grabowski ran in a 1600m relay with his senior teammates Spencer Newell, Michael Ortiz and Matt Collison. Tony Rigoni, junior, ran in the 800m and Tom Bolanowski, freshman, ran the 3200m at State.

However, the 1600m team did not have high expectations for themselves in the beginning of the season because of injuries, according to Newell, who suffered a pre-stress fracture before the post season began. When the injuries healed, the original team reunited.

"It looked really good for the 4x4 team because we had the whole original team back," Newell said. "I had been icing and running laps in the pool."

The new track facilities encouraged the team to work more, according to Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright Middle School science teacher. The track also reduced the amount of stress fractures the team suffered.

"We had more room, which was essential since we shared with Wilbur Wright Middle School," Coach Brown said. "The field turf gave us additional area where there was once mud. Also, our superior equipment, like hurdles, made things easier since there was little maintenance to be done."

At the NCC meet, the team faced their toughest meet. Coming out with 2nd place, they fought against their toughest competition, Lake Central. They came back strong at Sectionals, hoping to make it to the top three, according to long distance runner Russell Doctor, sophomore. The runners who didn't run in Sectionals still went out to support the rest of the team.

"We had competition, especially Lake Central," Doctor said. "They needed all the support they could get to come out on the top."

Placing 15th, 12th and 26th, the 1600m relay, Rigoni and Bolanowski proved their strength after a difficult season the previous year.

breath of air
Breathing heavily after finishing a race against Hobart, Zak Kulam, junior, tries to cool down. "Races could be kind of nerve-racking sometimes, so I felt glad that it was over," Kulam said. "But at the same time, no matter how hard you pushed yourself, you always wondered if you could've gone just a little bit faster." Munster lost the meet 60-72.

stretch it out
Before the meet against Hobart, Kyle Clark, senior, stretches his legs at the fence. Stretching proved to be an important part of running track because it reduced the chance of injury and warmed up the body before running.

lead in
In mid air Bart Grabowski, junior, makes a long jump. "I was focused on getting my speed up because that's the key to long jump," Grabowski said. "Then after my speed was at top speed, I wanted to get as close as I could to the edge of the board and then I worked on getting as high as I could and reached my legs out to get the maximum distance."

full force
Throwing the discus with all his strength, Alex Reinsma, junior, finishes the round. Discus required good form and balance. A thrower could not step outside of the ring in the net, or the throw would be called scratch. Munster lost to Hobart 60-72.

flying high
Almost ahead of a Hobart runner, Simon Abu-aita, junior, jumps hurdles. Abu-aita didn't only have to physically prepare, but also mentally. "I just pictured the finish like and I pictured myself winning," Abu-aita said. Munster lost 60-72.

handing off
Headed for the next leg of the relay, John Beckman, junior, runs with the baton. "Besides putting in the miles at practice, the most important thing when running a relay was to constantly push the pace with each lap," John Said.

final results

six runners participate in State, place despite injuries

800m, 12th place

Tony Rigoni, junior

3200m, 26th place

Tom Bolanowski, freshman

1600m relay, 15th place

Spencer Newell, senior; Matt Collison, senior; Michael Ortiz, senior; Bart Grabowski, junior

Boys' Track and Field *(front row)* Steven Burgwald, Steve Farrel, Mario Hernandez, Grant Tompson, Zak Kulam, Jess Wieser, Nicholas Powell, John Beckman, Josh Heintz, Caesar Camacho *(second row)* Anthony Vetrano, William Greenlaw, Danny Cantu, Simon Abu-aita, Bart Grabowski, Tony Rigoni, Elliot Bochnowski, Ryan Barnett, Tom Bolanowski *(third row)* Coach Aaron Brown, John Pasyk, Russell Doctor, Miles Gunty, Adam Hart, Tyler Adams, Luca Candaleria, Bryce Barnett, Johathan Flores, Matthew Szala, Kyle Clark, Coach Mary Conway *(fourth row)* Armando Vazquez, Spencer Newell, Adam Kloos, Tyler Grunewald, Alex Collison, Matt Collison, Michael Ortiz, Jeffery Kikkert, Roger Jachna, Chris Cappo, Coach Kyle Kwasny *(back row)* Ryan Brickman, Mike Banach, Tom Kim, Lukas Nossem, Alex Reinsma, Saam Mojtahed, Brandon Hoekstra, Atila Zsigmond, Eric Rhodes

Boys' Track
6-4
NCC 5-0
Portage 54-78
Crown Point Quad Meet
3rd
Lake Central 32.5-90.5
Andrean 69-62
Kankakee Valley 99-33
Griffith 81-51
Lowell 103-30
Highland 92-40
Mustang Invite 1st
Hobart 60-72
NCC Meet 3rd

Post Season
Sectionals
3rd Place
Regionals
3rd Place

Honors
NCC Champions
800 and 1600 Tony Rigoni, 3200 Tom Bolanowski
Sectional Champions
400- Bart Grabowski; 800- Tony Rigoni; 3200 Tom Bolanowski

Varsity Softball
20-8
9-3

Lake Central 0-10
Hanover Central 6-5
Andream 2-5
Bishop Noll 10-0
Kankakee Valley 1-2
Lowell 9-2
Griffith 3-2
Hobart 10-0
Highland 14-1
Carmel 2-7
West Lafayette 14-1
Andream 2-3
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Lowell 11-7
Griffith 3-0
Eastern 5-1
Harrison 6-5
Pioneer 9-2
McCutcheon 5-2
Andrean 6-3
Twin Lakes Tournament 1st
Hobart 13-0
Highland 5-0
Valparaiso 3-2
Chesterton 2-4
Portage 8-9
Harrison 10-0

JV Softball
15-8
8-4

Lake Central 1-11
Hanover Central 17-0
Andream 5-2
Crown Point 11-7
Kankakee Valley 3-7
Lowell 5-1
Griffith 2-0
Hobart 10-0
Highland 17-4
Andrean 2-12
Kankakee Valley 0-7
Chesterton 3-6
Lake Central 4-1
Lowell 2-5
Griffith 7-5
Hobart 14-7
Highland 5-3
Kankakee Valley 4-11
Andrean 3-1
Highland 11-4
Valparaiso 10-0

Freshman Softball
4-8

Crown Point 1-5
Crown Point 3-23
Clark 26-3
Gary West 11-0
Merrillville 16-8
North Newton 3-13
Crown Point 0-11
Marian Catholic 12-8
Marian Catholic 5-9
Wheeler 1-5
Andrean 1-6
Kankakee Valley 1-5

Varsity Softball *(front row)* Coach Beth Thornburg, Coach Tom DeGuilio *(second row)* Carly Murphy, Emily McCullough, Angelique Zadrozny, Ally Schweitzer, Emma Hodges *(third row)* Mariona Cane, Sarah Simchak, Elaine Klema *(back row)* Rachel Schmagronoff, Erin McCarthy, Briana Zunica, Kari Dillner, Sarah Clusserath, Kori Kirby, Taylor Michalski, Kaelyn Toth

JV Softball *(front row)* Cathy Lebryk, Payton Preboy, Lauren Soeka, Jill Ohsterhus, Gina Rice *(second row)* Taylor Katalinic, Sadie Conner, Paige Puplava, Alyssa Nunez, Jessica Wargo, Catherine Sobilo *(back row)* Anna Kaniewski, Emily Kaniewski, Colleen Jones, Lorrie Mamich, Coach Michael Moore

Freshman Softball *(front row)* Jennifer Scherzinger, Brenda Flores, Gina Saez, Jessica Avina *(second row)* Taylor Katalinic, Payton Preboy, Amber Caldwell, Paige Puplava, Sadie Conner *(back row)* Patty Pfister, Cathy Lebryk, Lauren Soeka, Emily Kaniewski, Jill Ohsterhus, Coach Jen Wisser

throwing it over
Releasing the ball, Angelique Zadrozny, senior, pitches at practice. The girls practiced every day on the fields or in the batting cages.

batter up
Warming up during practice, Carly Murphy, sophomore, pulls her arm back in swing with a ball in hand. "(The players) work on different spins for different pitches," Coach Beth Thornburg, mathematics teacher said.

swinging through

winning the Twin Lakes Tournament the Girls' Varsity Softball team celebrated their victories and learned from their mistakes

When the game ended around midnight and the team realized their victory, the girls couldn't help but celebrate their win against Andrean at the Twin Lakes Tournament.

"That was a huge win for us," Sarah Simchak, junior, said. "I couldn't believe it. It was raining, and the game started at like 10:30 p.m. because it was raining, and when we finally started playing we were so into it. We lost to Andrean twice earlier that season, so to beat them at the Twin Lakes Tournament was amazing. We were neck and neck, and then toward the end of it, we really started hitting, and we won. Everyone was freaking out and going crazy. That was easily the highlight of my season."

The team played with a record of 20-8, and they placed 2nd at the Conference meet.

Captain Kori Kirby, senior, played her season with only the outcome of her team in mind.

"I hated thinking about the other teams," Kirby said. "I would only concentrate on what we as a team could do to win. I always thought that if we focused too much about what the other teams were doing, we would have been distracted and we would not have gotten the chance to do the best we could do."

Taylor Michalski, freshman, got the chance to play on Varsity, which served as her main goal, according to Michalski.

"She (Coach Beth Thornburg, mathematics teacher) told me that I had earned my spot on Varsity and that I needed to keep working hard to keep it," Michalski said.

Sarah Clusserath, senior, had a lot of faith in the team's defense.

"We've always had a strong defense," Clusserath said. "I thought we were a pretty solid team."

swing, batter batter, swing
Eyes on the ball, Sarah Simchak, junior, prepares to swing. "I loved the softball season because everyone was so committed to it," Simchak said. "We all did things with 100 percent."

pitching arm
Ready to throw, Cathy Lebryk, freshman, prepares to pitch. "It was nice to be pitcher because it taught me to depend on my team," Lebryk said. "If I couldn't get it, I knew my team could."

running start
Arms in motion, Gina Rice, freshman, runs to first base. "I loved softball," Rice said. "I felt like I was able to benefit the team since I've played for so long."

5, 6, 7, 8 dance

working to beat Crown Point, the Dance Team places second at State for pom

"Munster High is in the house!" blasts from the boom box as captain Megan Nowaczyk, senior, leads the Dance Team in a quick practice in the parking lot before State. As the girls go over the moves, the countless practices come back to them.

From two-a-days during the summer to after school practices, the Dance Team set a goal of winning State. Competitions leading up to this served as a way to compare their skills with other teams.

"Doing the dances over and over let us become accustomed to the routines so they were ready to perform," Jessica Cieslak, junior, said. "We needed the practices to try to perfect and synchronize each move."

With a fierce determination to defeat Crown Point, the Dance Team struggled to come out on top. From competitions like Homestead and Marion, Crown Point placed one ahead each time. This motivated the girls even more to prove their abilities at the State competition.

Both JV and Varsity lost dancers to quitting and illnesses. This served as another challenge for the girls to overcome. Revising formations and adjusting to less people were the main focuses for the practices before State.

At State, the ensemble, nicknamed "Munsemble" placed first for the second consecutive year. Coming in second in jazz, fourth in hip hop and second in pom, the Dance Team prided themselves with their achievements.

"I was happy about State results," Jackie Malayter, junior, said. "All the solos and ensembles did really well, getting first and top three solos. We beat Crown Point in pom for the second year in a row! And we performed our best with hip hop and jazz."

Beyond competing, the Dance Team spent three sport seasons together, promoting spirit for the school. This allowed the girls to bond and grow as a family. From pool parties to pasta parties before competitions, the girls spent time outside of dance together.

"We were the closes we had ever been, and it was because we had been dancing together for such a long time that we knew each other really well and all got along," Chelsey Wallace, junior, said.

The girls went to a lake house together and had a system of "little sister, big sister," where a JV team member was paired with a Varsity member.

Beating Crown Point, the Dance Team felt successful, according to Malayter. On their path to this achievement, the girls became family.

smile big
With the Junior Class shirt on, Ellen Wynn, junior, performs the pom dance at the pep rally. "When I was dancing, all I was thinking about was the dance, so we didn't mess up," Wynn said. Keeping with the beat and the moves was crucial for a clean dance.

lined up
Legs in the air, the Dance Team does a kick line at the pep rally. "Getting the team to dance together took a lot of work and sometimes frustration" Taylor Kmak, junior, said.

reach for the sky
In the middle of an "X" jump, Mackenzie Kasper, sophomore, dances with her JV Team members. The JV Dance Team performed at JV Football games and JV Basketball games.

Varsity Dance Team *(front row)* Megan Nowaczyk, Olivia Harris, Rebecca Bernardi, Alyssa Bizoukas, Ellen Wynn *(second row)* Chelsey Wallace, Sarah Sharpe, Jessica Cieslak, Kate Lasser *(back row)* Jackie Malayter, Taylor Kmak, Nicole Rakich, Maggie Thomas, Gina Catania

JV Dance Team *(front row)* Allie Crary, Mackenzie Kasper, Trisha Madura *(second row)* Morgan Kaptur, Ally Schooler, Leksi Gasich, Madeline Kasper, Jessica Ivetich *(back row)* Liana Varjabedian, Ashlie Angotti, Shelinda Jones, Katie Speckman, Kelsia Smith

keep in check

dancers list the items needed for competitions

- ✓ pom uniform
- ✓ hip hop costume
- ✓ jazz costume
- ✓ jazz shoes
- ✓ hip hop shoes
- ✓ bow/hair piece
- ✓ tights
- ✓ sports bra
- ✓ fake eyelashes
- ✓ earrings
- ✓ donut
- ✓ hair spray
- ✓ bobby pins
- ✓ gel
- ✓ make up
- ✓ dance bag
- ✓ garment bag
- ✓ gifts for sister
- ✓ food
- ✓ arnold palmer

source: Maggie Thomasw

Poms in her hands, Rebecca Bernardi, senior, competes at Munster. **Holding on to her brother's hand**, Alyssa Bizoukas, senior, walks across the gym floor for senior night.

in sync

All together, Alyssa Bizoukas, senior; Rebecca Bernardi, senior; and Jackie Malayter, junior; dance at halftime during a boys' basketball game. "It was an honor to be out there dancing and performing and promoting school spirit," Bernardi said. "We had special seating to watch the game and student section!"

soaring high

placing in the top two at every competition, cheerleaders grow close

heart pounding, Megan Sheets, sophomore, prepares to do back flips on the track in front of hundreds of screaming football fans. Remembering what she did at practice, Sheets breaths in and starts to run down the track with her hands held high.

"The main thing I tried to do was focus," Sheets said. "I didn't let myself get distracted by everything else and did what I had practiced."

The Varsity and JV Cheerleading Teams performed during half time during every home football and basketball game. Cheering on the teams helped increase school spirit and supported the player, according to Erica Tuley, sophomore.

The teams practiced every other day for games and everyday before a competition. Practicing helped make sure the girls were ready for competitions and games. It also got them ready for the complicated stunts on the field or court.

The cheerleaders really became part of the teams over the course of the football and basketball seasons. When their season ended with the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team's loss at Semistate, the cheerleaders were just as upset at the basketball players.

Along with cheering on the team, the cheerleaders planned the winter dance, Turnabout.

"It was my first year cheerleading, so it was really fun to decorate and see everything come together," Emily Bochnowski, freshman, said.

The Varsity, JV and Freshman Cheerleading Teams also placed in the top two of every competition they participated in. Each team took home the first place title at the Carmel Invite or "Hoosier Championship" competition. At the Indy Invite, the Freshman and Varsity Teams also took home a first place trophy.

Being close with teammates proved to be one of the most important aspects of cheerleading, according to Emily Mis, sophomore.

Becoming close as a team outside of practice and competitions also played a large role in their chemistry on the court or field. From sleep-overs to long weekends, the cheerleaders found ways to become close while not in their cheerleading uniforms.

"Usually we had pool parties or bonfires during the summer," Mis said. " It was extremely important to be close, especially in cheerleading because we threw people in the air. It also just made things more fun when everyone was close."

scream and shout
At the Homecoming pep rally, Chelsea Aidinovich, senior, performs in front of the school, raising school spirit. Cheerleading helped keep up students entertained in the stands and supported the players out in the field or on the court.

walking off
Hand in hand with her parents, Rachael Nelson, senior, walks into the gym on senior night. Senior night was a night where all of the seniors were awarded for their work on the team.

shoulder to cry on
After the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team lost at Semistate, Kayla Smith, senior, finds comfort in her boyfriend's arms. Losing the game meant the end of high school cheerleading for Smith.

Varsity Cheerleading *(front row)* Rachael Nelson, Erica Keeler, Amber Callahan, Shailee Kumar, Gigi Chioros *(second row)* Hannah Colias, Brittney Bermingham, Chelsea Aidinvich, Miriam Joy, Taylor Brozovic, Alyssa Minton *(back row)* Alexa LaRock, Kayla Smith, Meagan Simmons, Megan Welch, Lorin Levitan

JV Cheerleading *(front row)* Nicole Delia, Shivani Kumar, Melissa Vlahu, Rachael Ruffalo *(second row)* Jamie Whiting, Olivia Wagner, Ashley Suda, Erica Tuley, Emily Mis *(back row)* Renee Zapinski, Megan Sheets, Angela Jones, Anna Shehigian

Freshman Cheerleading *(front row)* Ari Chioros, Kaley Regan, Sydney Gunty *(second row)* Elaina Etter, Emily Bochnowski, Valarie Niemic, Emma Nossem *(back row)* Kati Kalemba, Alison Frankland, Allison Stahl

clapping hands
As she claps with her other teammates, Megan Welch, junior, cheers for the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. "It was important to support the teams and help pump them up so we could all represent Munster in a positive way," Megan said.

sweet treats

bringing in treats for the football players for a big game became cheerleading tradition

as part of the Thursday night routine before a game, cheerleaders brought in treats for football players to pump them up and root them on

- Gatorade
- candy
- pretzels
- chips

source: Shailee Kumar, senior

cashing it in

with budget cuts and funding issues, clubs found ways to raise the money needed for their clubs to compete and get necessary supplies

robotics

got 15% of Wendy's profits from students

For a club that requires radios and central possessing units, members only expected that expenses will rack up pretty quickly. Basic kits cost about $5,000 plus $4,000 for other tools, according to President Sumanth Chintamani, senior.

That didn't account for the almost $5,000 fee to attend competitions.

Robotics Club took part in a number of fundraising activities to help the cost. On certain days, Wendy's gave 15% of the profits from Munster's students to the team. They also sold sports mugs and LED lightbulbs. On top of that, team members wrote to independent businesses to ask for donations.

"Officers bounced ideas off each other to decide what might work," Sumanth said."When we passed flyers, the team ran around and stuck them up everywhere so that everyone could see one."

DECA

sold balloons, tattoos, and flowers

With over a dozen red and white balloons in one hand, William Greenlaw, sophomore, knocks on the door of a classroom with the other.

"On the day of the Homecoming game, we went to each classroom and sold balloons to raise spirit and to help raise money," William said. "The school didn't fund us, so this was important. Also, they were pretty cheap, so it was easy to sell a lot, and the whole school was excited for the game later that night."

DECA found out how to fundraise while still participating in charities.

"We did a fundraiser for muscular dystrophy where we just went door to door fundraising," William said. "It was good because part of the money went to muscular dystrophy, and the rest went to us. That way we could help out a great cause and raise money for the club. If we raised a certain amount, we got a pizza party as sort of incentive."

speech and debate

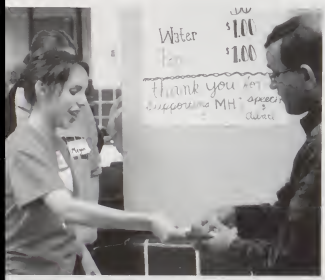
hosted the annual chicken barbecue dinner

As she made another sale, Allison Reba, junior, exchanged the tickets for money and moved on to the next house. Speech and Debate members sold tickets door to door for the Annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner.

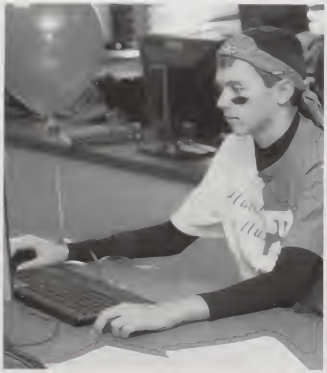
"We didn't get money from the school, so this fundraiser was so important for us," Allison said. "This plus the membership fee helped with the cause so that we didn't have to pay for bus rides to meets."

Each member had to sell at least two days or one day if his or her parent was able to volunteer, according to Allison. Along with selling tickets, they had to work at the dinner.

"I was on coffee service, and table cleaning during the dinner," Allison said. "Everything always ran really smoothly because we've been doing this for a while, and we always had a lot of people for each duty, so it worked."



dinnertime
A can of pop in hand, Maya Portillo, sophomore, collects a dollar from a customer at the Speech and Debate chicken barbecue dinner. "It was my first time on speech, so I didn't know what to expect," Maya said. "I thought it was a great way to fundraise because everyone in the community came, and people seemed so excited for it even when I was selling tickets."



school spirited
Balloon tied around his wrist, Kyle Kristoff, freshman, sits at a computer. DECA sold balloons for $1 each during school on the day of the Homecoming game. "That was a great way to fundraise," Kyle said. "I bought like five of them!"

bake sale
Looking through the selection, Mitchell Wojciechowski, freshman, buys baked goods from the National Honor Society. "I thought that was a good idea, especially after lunch," Mitchell said. "A lot of people bought it."

making sales
Putting money into the cash box, Dana Owens, sophomore, and Ryan Pohrte, junior, sell tickets for *Hello Dolly!*, the spring musical. Ticket sales and patron donations acted as funding for Munster Theatre Company. Selling tickets during lunch served as publicity for the show, according to Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Director.

candy counter
During lunch juniors, Ji Lee and Ariana Koultourides sell candy bars to raise money for Art Club. "We thought it was a great idea to sell candy bars because so many people loved candy," Ariana said. "Everyone bought some from us after they were done eating."

funding **robotics**

the Robotics Club found ways to come up with enough money to build a robot and enter competitions

- 15% of the profits went to Robotics when students brought in flyers to Wendy's when they bought something
- students sold LED lights and sports mugs to students as a way to fundraise
- each member sent out emails asking if companies would sponsor the club

building 'bots
Working with Colin Richter, freshman, Andrew Phifer, freshman, builds a part of the robot. "Building a robot was an expensive project," Andrew said. "Without fundraising we were dead broke."

building success

various clubs such as robotics, marching band and speech compete at various levels with several hours of preparation and dedication

robotics

new competitors

After six weeks of building and setting up materials, it's all in the hands of Mariah Saucedo, sophomore, and her fellow Robotics Club members. A typical competition ran over the course of a weekend, giving the team less than 48 hours to construct a full robotic machine.

In an event like Regionals, as many as 50 teams could compete. Being together with all the new people at competitions brought on new friendships, according to Mariah.

"I loved how close the team got," Mariah said. "and I got to meet new people from different schools in our area at competitions."

However, flaws in the work became challenging, according to Mariah.

"When our robot had problems with the drive system, we had to improvise," Mariah said.

For Mariah, the team's performance over the season didn't disappoint. "Our performance was really strong," Mariah said. "We were technically a rookie team, but we did really well."

The Robotics team placed 43rd at the Regionals in Milwaukee.

marching band

football field practices

Marching to the metronome, Maria Karamichos, freshman, prepares for competitions on the football field. With practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., Maria had to make sacrifices.

On the days that she didn't have practice, she attended band camp at the end of July until the beginning of August. During band camp, the Marching Band learned their routine for the marching season.

The Marching band placed at several competitions. They received third place at the Concord Invitational, and first place at the Twin Lakes and Plymouth Invitationals. In addition, they competed at ISSMA, receiving Gold Ratings at Districts and Regionals, advancing to Semistate.

speech team

12 hour competitions

Some Saturday mornings required Colleen Majszak, senior, to get up at 3 a.m. to start a redundant 12-hour Speech competition. Once she got to school, she had to carry tuns full of news articles into the bus for her events, interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.

"It was very hectic," Colleen said. "I was in two events, so it made it really, really busy."

Colleen found her own way to make things easier. As an extemp speaker, Colleen had to plan a speech in a small amount of time.

"I liked to relaz before I got my topic because if you were freaking out or nervous, it was harder," Colleen said.

The Speech Team received first at State, along with several other awards.

pride and joy
As speech members applaud her during the Speech and Debate awards night, Alison Reba, junior, chuckles while she receives an award for winning State in Dramatic Interpretation. "I thought more than anything it was just being up there and seeing your friends and family clapping," Alison said. "Plus, you just felt a little awkward. It was different being recognized when it was just you up there."

beat the pressure
Before her round, Kelly Bershader, junior, prepares by looking over her speeches at the Munster Speech and Debate meet. "I was a very competitive person, and I couldn't think of any other activity I took part in that created a more competitive atmosphere than debate!" Kelly said. I worked my best under pressure, so I loved going into a debate round knowing that I was going to have to think of arguments on the spot. Debate taught me the art of effective argumentation, something I believed would definitely come in handy in the professional world. "

strike a note
In preparation for the Orchestra concert, Jessica Avina, freshman, practices her pieces. The Orchestra also played at the ISSMA competitions. "I liked ISSMA because it was a way to show off how hard we worked," Jessica said.

fine details
Winding wires through the robot, David Trykall, senior, prepares for the Robotics Club competition. "It went a lot better than last year's competition," David said. "We had to build the robot and practice with it. The most valuable thing gained from competition was experience."

come to think
While being watched by the proctor, Nick Anderson, junior, and Samantha Adler, senior, wait while the announcer reads the question at the Academic Superbowl competition in the Auditorium. Partcipants could point to questions they thought fit best, and then could use 20 seconds to discuss, according to Nick.

prime preparation
At a DECA study session, partners Chandani Bhatt, senior, and William Greenlaw, sophomore, do a practice role play. "We got fifth at Internationals," Chandani said. "We did a lot of role plays and went to many study sessions. William was such a great partner."

in it to **win it**

competing with several countries, DECA members place top 10 and top 20 in the world

top 10

2nd **Sumanth Chintamani, senior**
-Automotive Services

4th **Ally Lodewyck, senior**
-Apparel and Accesories

Megha Kumar, senior
-Apparel and Accesories

Jack Laszlo, junior
-Retail Merchandising

5th **Chandani Bhatt, senior & William Greenlaw, sophomore**
-Travel and Tourism

top 20

Josh Brodsky, senior
-Quick Service

Shannon Shreibak, senior
-Apparel and Accesories

source: Jack Laszlo, junior

lifting spirits

volunteering played a large part in clubs, from recycling to painting a chair, students raise awareness about issues around the community

art club

CHAIRish the Children

With projects such as painting a chair to auction off for a charity called CHAIRish the Children, Art Club gave back to the community while displaying their artistic ability.

"We tried to give back to the community, while doing something we enjoyed," Art Club secretary Jessica Monjaras, senior, said.

The Art Club donated the money raised from the auction to the Prevention for Chiled Abuse Lake County charity. The Art Club decided to paint it with images of childhood stories, like cows jumping over the moon.

Projects such as CHAIRish the Children represented Art Club in a positive way and raised awareness for good causes.

project x

volunteer hours

After picking up garbage for an hour Joe Yurek, freshman, fills a whole trash bag with garbage found on the ground around town. Joe walked around town picking up trash and getting volunteer hours for Project X.

"It was easier for me because it was on my own hours and now a set schedule," Joe said. "There weren't really a lot of people who did it. In an hour I could fill one trash bag."

Project X provided students with a chance to volunteer and do something good for the community.

best buddies

spread the word to stop the word

With the walls covered in spider webs, Pebbles, Bam-Ban and teletubbies, students gathered at the Social Center behind the school. Games and dancing filled the room as Best Buddies members celebrated Halloween together.

"It was fun," Robyn Flanagan, freshman, said. "Best Buddies made me a better person."

When it came to volunteering, students volunteered their time and energy to raising awareness at the school. The club launched a campaign to spread the work about stopping the R-word. Wrist bands were sold and students signed waivers promising to stop using the R-word.

SADD

book drive

Making a decision meant being responsible for the outcome. That advice stuck with Mira Culic, junior, after she left the final meeting for Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).

"SADD made me feel like part of the school, and it made me realize everything you did had consequences to it, so you needed to be smart at all times," Mira siad.

To make a difference, SADD members organized activities like a book drive for financially unstable boys.

"The best part was knowing that the kids wanted to make good decisions."

CHAIRish the Children
While painting a chair for CHAIRish the Children Charity for Art Club, Brenda Flores, freshman, pushes her hair out of the way. The money from the chair was donated to the Prevention for Child Abuse Lake County charity.

friends forever
Running through Centennial Park, Amanda Milojkovitch, freshman; Abbey Herald, junior; and Emily Milojkovitch, senior, spread the word to end the word at the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. "It was an opportunity to get acquainted with different students," Emily said. "You get to see there were so many people who affected your life. The club benefited everyone."

reduce, reuse, recycle
After collecting paper from class rooms, seniors Ashley Martin and Princess Johnson dump recycling for Project X. Recycling counted towards the four hours that Project X members had to get a month. Students could recycle, pick up garbage or do other forms of volunteering.

spread the love
Peanut butter in hand, Lucas Gonzalez, junior; AJ Gauthier, sophomore; and Shelinda Jones, sophomore, stack donations. "We were collecting peanut butter for a food shelter, so we started the 'Spread the Love' campaign," AJ said. "A lot of classes got into it, even though there wasn't a prize."

toys for tots
Perfectly placing a Polly Pocket play set amongst a table of toys, Ms. Twila Mrash, media specialist, organizes donations for Toys for Tots. Football players collected and donated toys for under privilaged kids.

food for thought
While collecting food for the Student Government Food Drive, William Greenlaw, sophomore, and Lukas Nossem, junior, walk from classroom to classroom asking for donations.

spreading the word

the speech and debate BBQ requires its members to work and raise funds, awareness for the teams

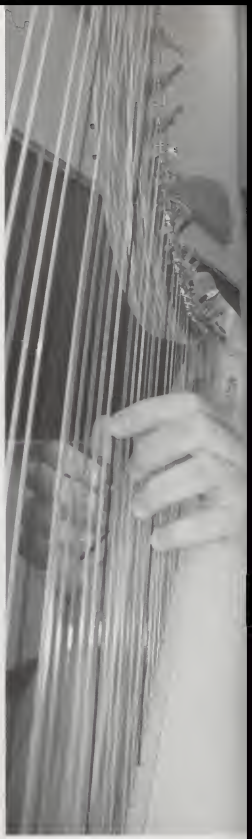
serving success
Pouring coffee for a customer, Salony Dighamber, works at the Chicken BBQ.

"It raises money for the Speech Team and it also spreads knowledge about speech to the people from Munster."
-Sidarth Singh, freshman

"Serving cups of coffee got a little chaotic during the dinner, but it was nice of people to come and support the Speech and Debate teams. With their help we could pay for bus trips to our meets."
-Delilah Owens, sophomore

harp and soul

Fingers on strings, Christian Fary, sophomore, reads his music and plays his harp during zero hour. "I loved the harp because it was a unique instrument, and I loved being able to play with people who really care about music," Christian said. "I didn't even know why I chose to play the harp. You could say that it chose me."



pipes and horns

Playing at a basketball game for pep band, Catherine Sobilo, sophomore, cheers on the team. "So much of band was striving for a certain goal, like marching or concert state finals," Catherine said. "But at pep band, you got to play fun music and enjoy good company and just let loose."

awakening

During rehearsal for *Children of Eden*, Alexa Johnson, junior, and Nick Estes, senior, awaken on Earth. "That was one of the greatest shows because of the number of songs and how meaningful it was to the cast," Alexa said. "It was amazing to be a part of."

in the pit

Keeping up with the actors and actresses on stage, Ellen Scoleri, junior, plays the flute in the pit during the spring musical, *Hello Dolly!* "I loved playing in the pit," Ellen said. "It was great because everyone was so talented, and it was nice to know that Mr. Woods had enough faith in me to choose me to be in pit again."

making waves

Flag in hand, Tatiana Padilla, sophomore, practices the half time show with the rest of the band. "My instrument wasn't a marching instrument, so I did color guard," Tatiana said. "Practice was so important if we wanted to do well at competitions. That was what it was all about for me."

strike a chord

from putting on four shows to singing at Cedar Point, students participated in clubs that allowed them to showcase their talents through performances

auditorium staff

helped backstage for every event

From just showing simple directions to the dressing room to performing a special favor, Milos Trivunovic, freshman, did everything he was asked to do.

"We adjusted the lighting and played the sound when they arrived to make sure everything ran smoothly. If there was a play or musical, we prepared by building sets and counterweighting backdrops so they'd go up and down without a glitch," Milos said.

Milos qualified to work the stage, sound, and lights after recording 40 hours. He had the option to stay an usher and move up to house manager, but they still built most of the sets and paints the backdrops.

"What I did backstage was all the stuff you saw when the lights went off and you saw little silhouettes scuttling in the darkness, and when the lights went back up, you saw a completely different scene," Milos Trivunovic said. "I think it will help me learn to cooperate inside a work environment in which I have certain responsibilities that I need to fulfill."

orchestra

woke up early for zero hour every day

In third grade Justin Lee, sophomore, knew he wanted to be in the orchestra.

"The orchestra program used to go to elementary schools to recruit kids," Justin said. "I was interested by that. I guess I naturally felt I did what I did without stopping," Justin said. "After starting private lessons, my progress was what kept me working."

Justin chose the violin without a doubt in his mind.

"I knew that was the right instrument for me," Justin said. "I'm always rooting for the main character, and to me the violin was 'the main character' of orchestra, so it was the only option for me."

speech team

won State for the second year in a row

At 4 a.m. on a Saturday morning, Nick Siano, freshman, was getting ready for a speech tournament.

Once they got to the tournament, he and his duo partner, Josh Shalen, freshman, practiced their piece and tried to stay relaxed.

"Before rounds we'd sometimes sing and dance," Nick said. "I'd always eat, because if I didn't, I'd sneeze. I didn't know why, but I didn't want it to happen while I was performing."

By the end of each round, Nick and Josh knew whether they measured up to the rest of their competition.

"We'd always point out our strengths and weaknesses," Nick said. "But we'd congratulate each other because we'd always feel good after."

As freshmen, the two made qualified for State and were named Scripted Duo State champions.

"It was really something. I mean, we were two freshmen, and for us to beat seniors from big-name speech schools was really something," Nick said.

marching band

marched from 2 to 9 p.m. in the summer

With music playing, drums pounding, and drum majors directing, Marching Band members prepare for the new routine that will appear for the football season and Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competitions.

"Marching Band was all about performing. It was about putting on a show," Chris Yothment, senior said.

Along with performing at football games, ISSMA competitions consumed a lot of the band's time.

"Competitions got stressful. It was the culmination of all the hard work we put into performing, but placed in the hands of the judge," Chris said.

state champs

for the second year in a row, the speech team won the state speech tournament

practice makes perfect
Taking advice from her coach, Arika Jeter, senior, practices her prose piece. To do well at competitions, speech team members practiced at least twice a week.

event champions

Allison Reba, junior
-Dramatic Interpretation

freshmen, Josh Shalen and Nick Siano
-Scripted Duo Interpretation

Tatiana Padilla, sophomore
-Prose Reading

waiving their time

from five hours after school a day to a few individual study sessions, students join clubs that require after school work and time commitment

publications

working 20 hours a week

Dragging her feet in the eerie hallway, editor in chief Parina Maniar, junior, leaves school at 8:00 p.m. after five hours of working on *Paragon*. With stories due the next day, yearbook overflowed into her home life, too. Then the next day, the never-ending cycle starts all over again.

"Everyone thought yearbook was putting a picture and a story on a page," Parina said. "It was much more than that; every detail mattered."

The publications staffs spent various hours in the Publications room, or Pub, in order to get their work done by deadlines. The hours for each staff differed. For *Crier* the hours accumulated during weeks that the newspaper was published. The *Paragon* staff stayed at least five hours after school two to three times a week.

JETS

individual hours of research

After an hour of non-stop "smarter energy, cleaner planet" problems, Devin Zuck, sophomore, finally goes home. In Devin's case practice makes perfect. His JETS team placed third at Nationals and first at Regionals and State.

"We met six or seven times for an hour after school," Devin said. "We also had to do research on our own individual topics which took two to three hours."

Aside from individual research, each team was given eight packets with information about a chosen topic and eight essay topics to write about.

"We had to use our research we had to write essays that solved problems about that year's topic, 'smarter energy, cleaner planet,'" Devin said.

science olympiad

practices everyday after school and Saturday

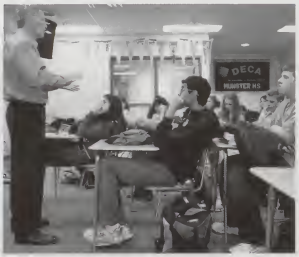
On Saturday morning at 10:00, Chris Chyung, senior, finds himself walking into Wilbur Wrtght Middle School for yet another Science Olympiad practice.

"Before competitions things really stated to pick up," Chris said. "You practiced on your own in the science labs or computer labs if you needed to."

Mr. Keith Koszut, Wilbur Wright science teacher, held practice everyday after school from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Members worked on individual events that covered a wide range.

"I was in wind power and mission possible," Chris said.

wood work
Working on his Rube Goldberg machine, Chris Chyung, senior, glues a piece to the final project. Mission Possible, the section Chris was in, required him to build a Rube Goldberg machine that completed a certain task. After completing the task, members took their projects to competitions, where they competed against schools from Indiana.



listen up
Before starting to a study session, Shivram Chandramoli, sophomore, listens to Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, give study advice. "State competition was much tougher than District competition, so Mr. Lewis required ten hours of study sessions," Shivram said. "If you wanted to do well, you had to put in at least six extra hours to place top ten."

after hours
Carefully checking the spelling of names for the People section, Ally Ylo, sophomore, works a late night in the Pub. "Being on Pub was a full-time job," Ally said. "I usually didn't get home until 8:00 most nights. It was hard work but so worth it."

in practice
Debating his point, Calvin Sanders, freshman, and Jack Laszlo, junior, participate in a mock debate. "I was at the library researching several times a week," Calvin said. "It required lots of time after school practicing."

flagged down
As she messes with her hair, Jessica VanWeiren, senior, makes a decision backstage for the *Hello, Dolly!* set. The Auditorium Staff worked on the lighting, sets and sound of all of the high school shows and concerts. The Auditorium Staff usually arrived an hour before the shows. On average the staff spent about 200 hours.

sound the horns
At 9:00 at night, Jonathan Jercha, sophomore, practices for marching band. Being in marching band required a large amount of time. Students in marching band spent two weeks at band camp over the summer from 2 to 9 p.m. When school started, the band marched during class periods, two days after school and performed during half time of all home football games.

science **success**

science olympiad included over 20 events that required different activities

- **Mission Possible:** complicated Rube Goldburg machine
- **Sounds of Music:** built two instruments and played duet for judges
- **Forensics:** different chemical tests to identify unknown powders to solve a crime
- **Optics:** worked with lenses and light

Source: Devin Zuck, sophomore

pick and choose
Reaching into a bowl of lolly pops, sophomores Anna Ackermann and Mariah Saucedo find the right flavor. At the Spanish Club Day of the Dead party, officers handed out suckers in the shapes of skulls for everyone.

throw a **party**

celebrating various holidays, the foreign language clubs learn about the culture

Mardi Gras- Carnival celebrations; people dress in colored masks, beads and feathers

Oktoberfest- the world's largest fair in Munich, Germany, lasting 16-18 days; known for sausage, cheese and potato pancakes

Day of the Dead- (Dia de los Muertos) gathering family and friends to remember loved ones who have died; known for Day of the Dead bread (Pan de Muertos)

dirty work
Hands covered in flour, Tom Yurek, junior, kneads the dough for his pretzel. "Frau Meier just got a hold of some ingredients and a recipe, and we made pretzels," Tom said. "It was funny because it wasn't something that one would normally do. I liked being able to make unusually large pretzels."

time to play

from taking a trip to Chicago and a local restaurant to celebrating a Spanish holiday in the Food Court, clubs learn through parties and spirit

german club

visiting the Christmas Market

As Ian Clark, freshman, enters Daily Plaza in Chicago with other German Club members, he sees other people curiously wandering around the German market.

"The German Christmas Market in Chicago was my favorite field trip," Ian said. "It was the most German thing we did."

On top of a trip to Chicago, German Club also went to Oktoberfest. Field trips didn't serve as the only activity.

During winter time, members constructed Gingerbread houses out of gingerbread cookies, frosting and candy. They made other treats like pretzels, as well.

"My favorite activity was making pretzels because I got to interact with other people from different levels that I normally wouldn't have been able to," Eric Etter, junior, said.

spanish club

learning about culture

Amazed by the vibrant colors and rhythmic music, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, sophomore, watches Flamenco dancing with her fellow Spanish Club members in Chicago.

"Seeing the Flamenco dancers was definitely my favorite activity because I loved learning about new cultures, and dancing was very important to me," Aishariya said.

Spanish Club members also learned how to salsa dance. Not only were they immersed in the dancing, but they ate the food. With a field trip to Memo's and Casa del Mar, Spanish Club members experienced authentic food.

"It was typical Mexican cuisine, and it broadened my mind for the taste," Anthony Giannini, sophomore, said. "It gave me new experiences with the traditional food."

french club

trying French food

With a mask covered in feathers, Niki Griggs, junior, walks into a room filled with people she can't recognize. Mardi Gras served as a time for French Club members to celebrate and wear costumes.

"My favorite French Club activity was the Mardi Gras party because people dressed up and got into it which made it fun," Niki said. "The cakes were good, too."

Food seemed to be the highlight for a lot of the French Club gatherings, according to Niki. From eating cheese and bread to building their own crepes, French Club members ate like they were in France.

"I liked going to French Club parties because the food was always really good, and I could be with my friends while eating great food!" Catherine Sobilo, sophomore, said.

you got served
About to serve the ball, juniors Ed Peng and Alex Reinsma play each other for Ping Pong Club. "Ping pong club was a great opportunity to participate in a fun activity while meeting new friends," Ed said.

salsa style
Arms around each other, seniors Luke Kurowski and Sam Adler learn how to salsa dance for Spanish Club in the Commons. "I liked learning about an interesting aspect of different cultures while having fun with my friends," Sam said.

tasty treat
After customizing his own crepe, Tyler Grunewald, junior, enjoys his creation at a French Club party. "I thought the crepes were kind of tacos but with sweets inside of them," Tyler said. "I joined French Club because I really enjoyed Madame's class, and I knew French Club would be even more fun."

commit to it

from Academic Team to Women's Ensemble, students put hours of work into perfecting their skills

Academic Teams

presidents: Adam Stepanovic and Isabella Ramirez
awards: 6th at State for Science Olympiad

(front row) Brandon Lee, Grant Thompson, William Greenlaw, Michael Wadas, Krishna Hegde, Chris Markovich *(second row)* Michael Peters, Peter Kraft, Devin Zuck, Sean Nolan, Ed Peng, Josh Brodsky, Michael Mavity *(back row)* Brad Kaptur, Tom Yurek, Nick Anderson, Fengyee Zhou, Teddy Niemiec, Grant Doctor, James Nolan

Academic Teams

(front row) Tom Vanko, Shalini Kumar, Valerie Niemiec, Katie Long, Parin Patel, Michelle Chung, Aesha Maniar, Samatha Adler *(second row)* Alexander Gauthier, Jessica Avina, Paulina Kawalec, Rathnam Venkat, Akash Shah, Joe Yurek, Ishani Sharma, Colin Richter, Vijay Narayan *(third row)* David Trykall, Justin Lee, Miesha Severinov, Chris Chyung, Shailee Kumar, Elana Schwartz, Sammy Dong, Lester Blumberg *(back row)* Adam Stepanovic, Isabella Ramirez, Andjela Radmilovic, Logan Foreit, Parina Maniar, Ele Chakraborty, Tara Mojtahed, Akhilesh Mishra

Art Club

president: Yekaterina Komarovskaya
activities: painted a chair for CHAIRish the Children Charity, painted old tables in the art room

(front row) Marian Hogan, Sydney Puckett, Michelle Mirelez, Marionna Cane, Yekaterina Komarovskaya, Monica Shah, Elaine Zmuda *(second row)* Jessica Avina, Hannah Villaroman, Suzana Rodriguez, Jessica Monjaras, Payton Preboy, Mykaela Burton *(third row)* Mia Torres, Danica Obradovic, Cassidy Schwartz, Cristina McNeiley, Elisha Jachna, T.J. Gomez, Dayna Van Woert *(back row)* Michelle Prevatte, Kyle Mundy, Josh Bobeck, Niral Shah, Courtney Weinberg, Amanda Simchak

hours and hours

students spend multiple hours after school participating in various clubs and activities

1 Academics Teams met for hour a week

Art Club met on Mondays till 4

ASL

president: Eric Etter

(front row) Jessica Dickeson, Morgan Stahl, Lauren Johnson, Nirlep Kaur, Ashley Spitz, Miriam Stock, Kayla Smith, Madyson Moyer *(second row)* Kaitlyn Taylor, Alyssa Nunez, Ana Dominguez, Hannah Wagner, Emily Carlson, Hannah Fus, Shalini Kumar *(back row)* Caitlin Curran, Jennifer Deecken, Victor Alvarez, Zack Strbjak, Emilie Riggs, Emily Scholtz

ASL

(front row) Bridget McCullough, Jessica Banaszak, Taylor Brozovic, Chelsey Wallace, Christina Fischer *(second row)* Lorin Levitan, Steven Hulsey, Molly Imrich, Caren DeCesaris, Jenna Cecil, Christine Lissy *(back row)* Kayla Macadlo, Adam Cress, Tiffany Madura, Michael Han, Eric Etter, Juliet Capriglione.

Auditorium Staff

activities: in charge of lighting, sound, sets for theater productions, ushering

(front row) Tom Yurek, Ana Johnson, Jenny Deecken, Emilie Riggs, Hannah Wagner, Nirlep Kaur *(second row)* Emily Carlson, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Carly Levin, Jessica Banaszak, Samantha Adler *(third row)* Austin Melder, Tom Vanko, Chris Cappo, Ben Mecyssine, Matt Cappo *(back row)* Michael Banach, Nick Kiesling, Tim Wittcamp, Ryan Pohrte, Kevin Yurasovich

Auditorium staff stayed **2** hours during events

Crier spends **19** hours during weeks newspapers come out

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Auditorium Staff

(front row) Conrad Navarro, Craig Popovich, Lester Blumberg, Forrest Morgan, Maria Karamichos *(second row)* Haley Conger, Mike Della Rocco, Jabree Ellis, Belinda Oberman, Cristina Lopez *(third row)* Trevor Corradin, Adrienne Ault, Milos Trivunovic, Bridget McCullough, Tyler Van Wieren, Jessica Van Wieren *(back row)* Hannah Fischer, Ellen Scoleri, Nelson Hemingway, Kaylee Brandon, Emily Scholtz, Hannah Fus

Best Buddies

president: Hannah Leary
vice president: Katie Taylor
activities: monthly activity such as TNT Twisters or Fun Flatables; Halloween party; Christmas party; basketball games; and Friendship Walk

(front row) Nathan Sharmat, Belinda Oberman, Cristina Lopez, Ana Johnson *(second row)* Nicole Rakich, Ellen Wynn, Kiki Karabatak, Megan Sheets, Mackenzie Kasper *(back row)* Lindsay Surach, Taylor Kmak, Jillian Homans, Jackie Malayter

Best Buddies

(first row) George Howard, Katie Taylor, Erin McCarthy, Abbey Herald, Hannah Leary, Olivia Harris, Tania Cordova, Kim Pruim, Joe Hemingway *(second row)* Jess Pruim, Christine Lissy, Amber Callahan, Justin Rios, Nathan Matthews, Ahsley Spitz, Joel Ratajack *((third row)* Arika Jeter, Ariel Callahan, Nick Armour, Joshua Evans, Kate Mann, Vanessa Newell, Taylor Bandura, Jeanie Dedelow, Jackie Dedelow *(back row)* Elizabeth Gouwens, Alex Kattan, Karly Taylor, Sarah Clusserath, Nina Ogrizovich, Erica Keeler, Shailee Kumar, Elana Schwartz, Ana Bustalino, Tyler German

Best Buddies

(front row) Rachael Nelson, Jelena Todorovic, Shelby Sarnowski, Sam Salzeider, Jenna Cecil, Paige Spinks, Rachel Corradin, Erin Chant, Priya Pierie *(second row)* Paulina Kawalec, Cristina McNeiley, Emily Milojkovitch, Amanda Milojkovitch, Kristina Traxler, Becky Holt, Ashley Suda, Madeline Kasper *(third row)* Jessica Van Wieren, Jessica Banaszak, Bridget McCullough, Nicole Perez, Natalia Fernandez de Cordova, Jon Newcomb, Kristin Augustyne, Jessica Dickeson *(back row)* Jessica Avina, Mariah Saucedo, Alexis Monthie, Courtney Weinberg, Kyle Ruckert, Bianca Cordova, Kaylie Starkey, Erin McCarthy, Beatriz Costa Lima, Emily Scholtz

Color Guard

captain: Samantha Adler
awards: Gold rating at Districts and Regionals
practice hours: over the summer: Tues-Thurs 2-4 p.m.; after July 4 every day, 2 and a half weeks, from 2-9 p.m.; after school started, Tues-Thurs from 6-8 p.m. and first hour

(front row) Indigo Moran, Maria Karmichos, Haley Conger, Tatiana Padilla *(back row)* Samantha Adler, Ashley Martin, Mokeiva Carter, Kelly Ballard, Melissa Avila

Crier

editor-in-chief: Beatriz Costa-Lima
managing editor: Morgan Boyd
head photographer: Ben Gonzalez
awards: 8th at JEA/NSPA for "Best in Show" 2010 Kansas City

(front row) Ele Chakraborty, Ben Gonzalez, Beatriz Costa-Lima *(second row)* Hannah Cantu, Morgan Boyd, Kaylie Starkey, Hayley Morris *(back row)* Jacob Yothment, Ben Nichols, Kale Wilk

DECA

president: Santhosh Narayan
vice president: Aesha Maniar
awards: 1st at State, 129 State qualifiers; 90 finished in top 10 and 72 finished in top 6; 37 International qualifiers

(front row) Andjela Radmilovic, Erica Keeler, Megan Nowaczyk, Chandler Marcus, Jelena Todorovic, Rachael Nelson, Steve Losiniecki, Shailee Kumar *(second row)* Ariel Callahan, Maggie Szakacs, Olivia Reda, Ja-Don Bradley, Sumanth Chintamani, Jessica Reddy, Jonathan Pasyk *(third row)* Andrew Koultourides, Zachary Suggs, Ben Gonzalez, John-Paul Stephens, Alex Crowe, Kyle Clark *(back row)* Kamryn Klawitter, Nathan Kondamuri, Trace McCarthy, Taha Qureshi, Vince Pacatang, Bridget Pruzin, Madyson Moyer

DECA

(front row) Elisha Jachna, Kailey Kawalec, Jessica Cieslak, Tatiana Padilla, Alifya Bhoy, Lauren Oesterle, Fareesa Siddiqui, Nathalie Kauz *(second row)* Jani Dominguez, Elliot Bochnowski, Mathew Puthenveetil, Evan Zarowny, Brandon Sparks, Viharika Peddi, Anna Shehigian, Alison Reba *(back row)* Chris Chyung, Logan Foreit, Cesar Camacho, Natalie Vick, Vijay Narayan, Calvin Sanders, Chelsey Wallace

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DECA

(front row) Ben Nichols, Danica Obradovic, Alex Ingoglia, Shawn Tuttle, William Greenlaw, Eashan Kumar, Parina Maniar *(second row)* Fengyee Zhou, Brandon Weinberg, Jacob Smith, James Nolan, Danny Falloon, Jonathan Alvarez, Aaditya Shah, Oliver Sutter *(third row)* Zak Kulam, Krishna Hegde, Josh Brodsky, Alex Reinsma, Niko Ingoglia, Evan Rouse, Matthew Mavity, Jonathan Jercha *(back row)* Grant Thompson, Sahib Singh, Ryan Shreibak, Michael Tzolov, Spencer Newell, Michael Mavity, Saam Mojtahed, Brandon Lee

DECA

(front row) Joe Yurek, Jeffrey Kikkert, Akhilesh Mishra, Akash Shah, Kyle Hansen, Aesha Maniar, Samantha Adler *(second row)* Jack Laszlo, Parin Patel, Parina Maniar, Stacey Avtgis, Michelle Chung, Tara Mojtahed, Isabella Ramirez, Colin Richter *(third row)* Adam Stepanovic, Nick Laszlo, Megha Kumar, Shannon Shreibak, Natalia Fernandez de Cordova, Chandani Bhatt, Shalini Kumar, Ana Dominguez *(back row)* Neeta Patwari, Lauren Socka, Kelly Russell, Jesse Palma, Tiffany Troumouliaris, Ishani Sharma, Heather Hemingway, Omnya Zaman

DECA

(front row) Deeva Khatiwada, Ari Chioros, Allison Mudro, Tania Cordova, Cassidy Schwartz, Erica Tritsch, Emily Bochnowski *(second row)* Kendall Goldberg, Kelan Harish, John Beckman, Kelly Bershader, Erin McHale, Ashley Wenzel, Liana Varjabedian *(back row)* Hallie Peilet, Steven Burgwald, AJ Gauthier, Olivia Wagner, Emily Mis, Jessica Monjaras, Aaron Handler

French Club

activities: field trip to Museum of Science & Industry, Christmas party, Mardi Gras party, Fromage party

(front row) Zaria Suggs, Maritza Contreras, Alondra Guzman, Nikki Mammano, Krystyn Blood, Michelle Pietruszka, Emma Nossem, Emmy Georgas *(second row)* Brandon Tepper, Sidarth Singh, Katarina Ivanovic, Fareesa Siddiqui, Mia Torres, Maggie Szakacs, Lindsay Rozynek *(third row)* Supitcha Muangmingsuk, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Rachel Corradin, Mary Kujawski, Catherine Sobilo, Jennifer Tassaro, Kelly Russell, Ashley Hwang *(back row)* Maggie Cole, Lupita Alvarado, Lorena Alvarado, Avinash Sajnani, Elisabeth Lanman, Kieara Mosley, Jessica Lapa, Whitney Dumas

French Club

(front row) Emily Kaniewski, Elena Sroge, Michael Han, Carly Levin, Austin Melder, Ashley Talesky, Lauren Mintz *(second row)* Austin Drabenstot, Joe Palma, Tyler Grunewald, Colleen Jones, Alan Cipich, Niral Shah, Tom Yurek, Jeremy Mudro *(third row)* Michael Briette, Sharif Rahmany, Erin McCarthy, Natalia Fernandez de Cordova, Ashley Pickett, Rachel Schmagranoff, Luke Adams, Collin Henson *(back row)* Ben Mecyssine, Elaine Klema, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Chris Speranza, Heather Boyan, Deepa Devanathan, Tyler Reinsma, Luke Groszewski

French Club

(front row) Stephanie Pallay, Alyson Eickleberry, Kimmie Montella, Kathleen McGrath, Angela Rokosz, Christine Matthews, Natalie Dublak *(second row)* Samantha Adler, Indigo Moran, Alison Reba, Kailey Kawalec, Niki Griggs, Cristina Brown, Lauren Oesterle, Michelle Higgins *(third row)* Shalini Kumar, Charlie Pruchan, Richard Cox, Mykaela Burton, Rilee Whitaker, Hannah Villaroman, Suzana Rodriguez, Ana Dominguez *(back row)* Jenna White, Azad Neupane, Sameer Chintamani, Hannah Fischer, Jani Dominguez, Jessica Monjaras, Jessie Palma, Charmaine Connell

French Club

(first row) Mackenzie Kasper, Madeline Kasper, Emily Mis, Ashley Martin, Princess Johnson, Nadia Radowick, Anna Kaniewski, Olivia Wagner *(second row)* Delilah Owens, Erin Chant, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Jeremy Stout, Sam Toth, Quinton Pedrick, Annie Burke, William Christiansson *(third row)* Liana Varjabedian, Nick Santelli, Alex Collison, Michael Oliver, Elisha Jachna, Daniel Artus, Mikey McGrath, Peter Kraft *(back row)* Luis Dominguez, Max Hastings, Michael Pukoszek, Roger Jachna, Steven Caraher, George Asye-Broughton, Brandon Lee, Kyle Mundy

French Club

(front row) Brooke Winter, Tatiana Padilla, Kate Lasser, Chelsey Wallace, Evan Shmagranoff, Nick Milkovich, Rebecca Bernardi *(second row)* Jessica Cieslak, Mira Culic, Bethany Pastrana, Lisa Raddatz, Alifya Bhoy, Alexa Johnson Maritza Garcia *(back row)* Ariana Koultourides, Ivan Gutierrez, Elizabeth Beckman, Jessica Reddy, Eric Etter, Calvin Sanders, Emily Anderson, Sumanth Chintamani

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CEC, Freshmen

activities: designed Homecoming t-shirts, built Homecoming floats

(front row) Priya Shah, Nathalie Kauz, Rebecca Karnezis *(back row)* Beckey Seligman, Cathy Lebryk, Daniel Straka, Tiffany Troumouliaris

CEC, Junior

activities: designed Homecoming t-shirts, built Homecoming floats, planned Prom

(front row) Shalini Kumar, Sarah Kinser, Nicole Rakich, David Straka *(second row)* Kiki Karabatak, Phillip Arteaga, Jack Laszlo, Amy Welch *(back row)* Kelly Bershader, Mary Skurka, Karanpaul Multani, Aleks Obradovic, Brett Szafasz

CEC, Senior

activities: designed Homecoming t-shirts, built Homecoming floats, planned all banquets

(front row) Shailee Kumar, Andrew Koultourides, Liz Lewandowski *(second row)* Kaelyn Toth, Sarah Clusserath, Erica Keeler, Rebecca Bernardi *(back row)* Brian Stolarz, Luke Kurowski, Heather Boyan

CEC, Sophomore

activities: designed Homecoming t-shirts, built Homecoming floats

(front row) Tatiana Padilla, Emily Mis, Emma Hong, Erica Tritsch (back row) Parin Patel, Ashley Wenzel, Hallie Peilet, Maggie Cole, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay

German Club

presidents: Luke Kurowski and Hannah Wagner
activities: German markets, Chicago Culture Museum

(front row) Kristin Opperman, Daniel Artus, Jani Dominguez, Chelsey Wallace, Samantha Bensema, Marelle Cerven, Carly Levin *(second row)* Brandon Barth, Katie Long, Mary Kujawski, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Rachel Corradin, Zorana Blagojevic, Mira Culic *(third row)* Brandon Sparks, Amanda Milojkovitch, Cathy Lebryk, Emily Kaniewski, Anna Kaniewski, Erin Chant, Lisa Arndt, Adam Barth *(back row)* Nathalie Kauz, Evan Sylvester, Sahib Singh, Grant Doctor, Jackie Dempsey, Kyle Burczak, Lauren Macadlo, Austin Melder

German Club

(front row) Caren DeCesaris, Kayla Macadlo, Chris Cappo, Tyler Van Wieren, Shawn Gish, Kale Wilk, Elizabeth Green, Amber Maidonado *(second row)* Daniel Swiatek, Tom Yurek, Jack Laszlo, Matt Sellberg, Eric Etier, Walter Olgy, Jonathan Alvarez *(third row)* Joe Pierson, Sam Smith, Michael Peters, Matt Collison, Brandon Weinberg, William Greenlaw, Ian Clark *(back row)* Jacob Smith, Justin Hott, Luke Kurowski, Matt Blocher, Josh Bobeck, Alex Reinsma, Matt Paunicka, Steve Gehrig

German Club

(front row) Haley Conger, Jenny Deecken, Nirlep Kaur, Hannah Wagner, Emily Carlson *(second row)* Chris Rhodes, Jessica Banaszak, Aaron Schlossberger, Samantha Adler, Bridget McCullough, Jessica Van Wieren *(third row)* Jett Wyeser, Zack Eismin, Nicole Mielnicki, Sydney DeBoer, Tanner Seput, Chloe Sannito *(back row)* Jourdan Furlong, Morgan Foster, Kaelyn Toth, Andrew Koultourides, Alissa Kowalski, Rachel Markowicz

Jazz Band

activities: performed at concerts

(front row) Catherine Sobilo, Mary Kujawski, Craig Popovich, Greg Moya, Jessie Palma, Carly Levin, Asia Benson *(second row)* Drew Mendez, Michael Pukoszek, Michael Wadas, Austin Drabenstot, Devin Zuck, Michael Peters *(back row)* George Asya- Broughton, Joel Ratajack, Jonathon Jercha, Matt Blocher, Chris Speranza, Bryan Ong

commit to it

What are your emotions during a performance?

"I feel in the zone. After doing the show so many times, it's just completely in my muscle memory. I didn't have to conciously think about taking the right steps or playing the right notes, just pouring passion into my performance."
-Michael Wadas, sophomore

It makes the 10 hours of work a week feel like they finally paid off."
-Lauren Oesterle, junior

"Last year, we didn't have a Mens' Ensemble, but this year, I got to sing with just guys and we had a more of a jazzy, barbershop quartet sound instead of just a normal choral performance."
-Christan Fary, sophomore

"I get really excited and energized. If it's a good performance, I feel better than when I did when I was performing."
-Bethany Pastrana, junior

Marching Band

awards: Gold Rating at Districts and Regionals
practice hours: over the summer: Tues-Thurs 2-4 pm; after July 4 every day, 2 and a half weeks, from 2-9 pm; after school started, Tues-Thurs from 6-8 pm and first hour

(front row) Tatiana Cruz, Tatiana Padilla, Julia Eskander, Samantha Adler, Haley Conger, Indigo Moran *(second row)* Maria Karamichos, Liz Lewandowski, Andrew Moll, Catherine Sobolo, Asia Benson, Daniel Torres *(third row)* Rikee Whitaker, Mary Kujawski, Renee Zapinski, Lauren Oesterle, Jennifer Tassaro, Bethany Pastrana, Catherine Vlahos *(back row)* Erick Alanis, Jenna White, Melissa Avila, Ashley Martin, Lauren Mintz, Heather Hemingway, Craig Popovich

Marching Band

(front row) Nirlep Kaur, Hannah Fus, Hannah Fischer, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Luis Dominguez, Milos Trivunovic, Sammy Dong, Daniel Cantu *(second row)* Emily Carlson, Ellen Scoleri, Megan Sellberg, Kelly Ballard, Emma- Sarah Stephens, Levi Sasek, Jackie Dempsey, Carly Levin *(back row)* Hannah Wagner, Jessie Palma, Moketva Carter, James Bieniak, Matthew Cappo, John Kapitan, Erik Rhodes, Beka Hart

Marching Band

(front row) George Vlahos, Michael Wadas, Drew Mendez, Carson Ollu, Marko Lekic, Katie Gajewski, Greg Moya, Mary Strong *(second row)* Cydnee Cruz, Monica Lee, Chris Yothment, Joel Ratajack, Zachary Cherogan, Matt Sellberg, Michael Pukoszek, George Asya-Broughton *(third row)* Kevin Beezhold, Jake Morse, Michael Peters, Austin Drabenstot, Adrienne Ault, Bryan Ong, Devin Zuck, Evan Fus *(back row)* Michael Litwiller, Christian Markey, Dylan Ozog, Matt Blocher, Tanner Kuehn, Chris Speranza, Jonathan Jercha, David Trivunovic

Men's Ensemble

awards: 1st place at ISSMA
activities: performed at concerts, performed at Heartsfield Village

(front row) Calvin Sanders, Alan Cipich, Zachary Liesenfelt, Lester Blumberg *(second row)* Christian Fary, Anthony Jurich, Levi Sasek *(back row)* Michael Peters, Tim Wittkamp, Steven Caraher, Michael Han

NHS

president: Megan Nowaczyk
vice president: Michelle Chung
how to get in: needed 30 activity points

(front row) Isabella Ramirez, Shannon Shreibak, Michelle Mirelez, Kayla Macadlo, Elisha Jachna, Ele Chakraborty Marionna Cane *(second row)* Michael Goldenberg, Joshua Martin, Jake Shalen, Drew Mendez, Nick Estes, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Ashley Dickett *(third row)* Adrienne Ault, Chris Yothment, Kyela Specht, Jacob Smith, Alex Kattan, Brandon Weinberg, James Nolan *(back row)* Teddy Niemiec, Joe Crisman, Danny Falloon, Brian Stolarz, Luke Kurowski, Heather Boyan, Spencer Newell

NHS

(front row) Anthony Jurich, Niral Shah, Jelena Todorovic, Jessica Van Wieren, Marelle Cerven, Samantha Adler *(second row)* Jonathan Alvarez, Kaitlyn Plewniak, Hannah Wagner, Nirlep Kaur, Tara Mojtahed, Michelle Chung, Aesha Maniar, Nikita Kanal *(third row)* David Trykall, Stephan Zajac, Jonathan Wachala, Rebecca Bernardi, Nina Ogrizovich, Katie Taylor *(back row)* Dillon Thompson, Aaditya Shah, Michael Mavity, Shawn Tuttle, Steven Zahariadis, Michael Trolov

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NHS

(front row) Chris Wadlow, Jessica Monjaras, Haley Conger, Max Kilibarda, Kamryn Klawitter, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Emily Koufos *(second row)* Olivia Koufos, Brooks Platt, Ariel Callahan, Andjela Radmilovic, Megan Nowaczyk, Kaelyn Toth, Andrew Koultourides *(third row)* Erica Keeler, Shailee Kumar, Stacey Avtgis, Trevor Corradin, Chandani Bhatt, Adam Stepanovic, Brandon Sparks *(back row)* Miriam Stock, Kori Kirby, Julie Puvogel, Erin McCarthy, Kate Novak, Sumanth Chintamani, Eleni Agelopoulos

Orchestra

concert master: Brenda Mintz
awards: Gold rating at Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Districts

(front row) Ana Johnson, Emily Scholtz, Jorge Medina, Colin Richter, Carly Levin, Austin Melder, Marelle Cerven, Hannah Wagner, Asia Benson *(second row)* Annie Burke, Justin Lee, Rathnam Venkat, Megan Sellberg, Lauren Mintz, Emily Kaniewski, Anna Kaniewski, Lauren Rouse *(third row)* Katie Gajewski, Christian Fary, Kelly Bershader, Matthew Mavity, Michael Peters, Nicholas Cossyleon, Brenda Mintz, Jesse Palma *(back row)* Sam Punday, Kale Wilk, Ryan Heuer, Ed Peng, Tim Kearney, Evan Rouse, Deepa Devanathan, Michael Mavity

Orchestra

(front row) Patrick Moffitt, Allison Mudro, Amanda Martin, Nathalie Kauz, Ally Goodrich, Cristina Lopez *(second row)* Jessica Avina, Maya Portillo, Sarah Webster, Ishani Sharma, Emma Hong, Rachel Chen, Victoria Avina *(third row)* Deeva Khativada, Haley Moles, Emma Nossem, Bridget McCullough, Melissa Strohl, Alexa Johnson, Ellen Scolari, Hannah Fus *(back row)* Hannah Cantu, Isabella Ramirez, Katie Long, Kim Szymkowski, Chris Chyung, Tyler Reinsma

Orchestra

(front row) Rachel Borgo, Caroline Bedman, Elaine Zmuda, Michelle Chung, Aesha Maniar, Maddie Sharmat *(second row)* Milena Lukic, Olivia Blakeley, Haley Conger, Morgan Stahl, Lisa Raddatz, Olivia Reda *(back row)* Maritza Garcia, Priasha Iyer, Emma Hodges, Melissa Vezmar, Sydney DeBoer, Bess Fary

Paragon

editor-in-chief: Parina Maniar
design/copy editor: Christiann Tavitas
awards: 1st place at JEA/NSPA Nationals for "Best in Show," 2010 Kansas City

(front row) Ally Ylo, Parina Maniar, Christiann Tavitas, Aamina Khan *(back row)* Maggie Thomas, Ben Gonzalez, Hayley Morris

Pep Band

activities: played at every home Boys' Basketball game

(front row) Tatiana Cruz, Julia Eskander, Indigo Moran, Catherine Vlahos, Bethany Pastrana, Catherine Sobilo, Mary Kujawski, Asia Benson (second row) Craig Popovich, Hannah Fus, Hannah Wagner, Katie Gajewski, Ellen Scoleri, Carly Levin, Emily Carlson, Nirlep Kaur (back row) Lauren Oesterle, Maria Karamichos, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Milos Trivunovic, Austin Melder, Megan Seilberg, Sammy Dong, Liz Lewandowski, Jessie Palma

Pep Band

(front row) Jackie Dempsey, Erik Rhodes, Michael Wadas, Drew Mendez, Chris Yothment, Matthew Cappo *(second row)* Monica Lee, Cydnee Cruz, Matt Seilberg, Michael Pukoszek, Devin Zuck, Michael Peters *(back row)* Joel Ratajack, Adrienne Ault, Jonathon Jercha, Matt Blocher, Chris Speranza, Austin Drabenstot, Evan Fus

Project X

president: James Nolan
activities: needed four volunteer hours a month

(front row) Priya Pierne, Chris Wadlow, Nicole Plewniak, Bridget Pruzin, Colleen Jones *(second row)* Alison Reba, Erin Lusk, Trisha Madura, Jessica Ivetich, Jessica Dickeson, Noel Castro *(third row)* Madyson Moyer, Sam Barilla, Joe Palma, Alyssa Nunez, Erin Dolah, Jillian Rademacher *(back row)* Tyler Grunewald, Jon Newcomb, Kyle Brown, Victor Alvarez, Michael Bednarwoski

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Project X

(front row) Jung Kim, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Rachel Corradin, Kaitlyn Taylor, Jesse Bruzan, Elizabeth Beckman, Jessica Avina *(second row)* Caroline Beckman, Mia Torres, Paulina Kawalec, Courtney Weinberg, Dayna Van Woert, Brooke Winter, Sophia Filis, Kaylee Stewart *(third row)* Julie Ridder, Amanda Milojkovitch, Deana Rios, Angela Rokosz, Rachel Markowicz, Kasey Kulesa *(back row)* Adam Larimer, Bianca Cordova, Brandon Weinberg, Michael Baggett, Matthew Collison, Maggie Thomas, Ben Gonzalez

Project X

(front row) Ashley Martin, Princess Johnson, Cristina Lopez, Belinda Oberman, Tatiana Padilla, Maya Portillo, Casey Griffin *(second row)* Jabree Ellis, Ana Johnson, Emma Hong, Haley Reda, Gina Catania, Sarah Sharpe, Rachel Chen *(third row)* Morgan Kaptur, Allison Wisniewski, Lindsay Rozynek, Maggie Szakacs, Kailee Loughlin, Morgan Switalla, Mary Kujawski, Ashley Wenzel *(back row)* AJ Gauthier, Josh Heintz, Olivia Reda, Jennifer Tassaro, Hallie Peilet, John Avila, Tania Cordova

Project X

(front row) Kailey Kawalec, Emily Milojkovitch, Azad Neupane, Brittany Smith, Charity Davis, London Borom, Aabesh De, Jessica Reddy, Sameer Chintamani *(second row)* Danielle Jones, Sparkle McMillan, Taylor Brown, Katie Dankanich, Arika Jeter, Joe Yurek, Ana Bustalino, Nicole Perez, Melissa Avila *(third row)* Anadya Edmond, Jelena Todorovic, Ariel Callahan, Brett Szafasz, Aaron Cunningham, Mira Culic, Phillip Arteaga, Tyler German *(back row)* Karanpaul Multani, Amy Welch, Brandon Lee, Aleks Obradavic, Lauren Grunewald, Parina Maniar, Christiann Tavitas, Chimezie Okolocha

Project X

(front row) Michael Banach, Elisha Jachna, Elizabeth Gouwens, Cassandra Brazzle, Shelby Sarnowski, Brad Kaptur *(second row)* Nick Loughlin, Carly Levin, Maggie Cole, Salony Dighamber, Neeta Patwari, Julie Adams, Jessica Bhavsar *(third row)* Steven Zahariadis, Kaitlyn Plewniak, Bridget McCullough, Natalie Fischer, Amber Scott, Paige Spinks *(back row)* Sean Nolan, Matthew Mavity, Ed Peng, James Nolan, Tom Yurek, Michael Mavity

Robotics

president: Sumanth Chintamani
vice president: Tom Yurek
awards: placed 31st at Regionals

(front row) Jani Dominguez, Joe Yurek, Sumanth Chintmani, Charlie Prucha, Omnya Zaman, Mariah Saucedo, Monica Shah *(second row)* Brad Kaptur, Sean Nolan, Matt Reno, David Trykall, Nelson Hemingway, Tyler Reinsma *(third row)* Colin Henson, Max Hastings, Evan Frystak, Ben Meeyssine, Brandon Goralczyk, George Asya-Broughton *(back row)* Jacob Flynn, Evan Fus, Kale Wilk, Josh Bobeck, Peter Frystak, Tom Yurek, Niral Shah

SADD

president: Alexandra Lodewyck
activities: book drive for teenage boys

(front row) Bridget McCullough, Emilie Riggs, Shannon Shreibak, Jenny Deecken, Emily Carlson, Kaitlyn Plewniak, Jessica Banaszak *(second row)* Maya Portillo, Hayley Morris, Angela Rokosz, Kristin Augustyne, Kate Novak, Bianca Cordova, Kaylie Starkey, Evan Sylvester *(third row)* AJ Gauthier, Colleen Jones, Erin McCarthy, Kyle Murad, Lukas Nossem, Allison Boyle, Mira Culic *(back row)* Christian Leonakis, Ben Nichols, Heather Boyan, Melissa Hajduch, Ryan Shreibak, Zak Kulam, Chris Slivka

SADD

(front row) Jamie Rogalski, Chelsey Wallace, Phillip Arteaga, Miesha Severinov, Emmy Georgas, Amanda Miloljkovitch, Mia Torres *(second row)* Kathleen McGrath, Jackie Dedelow, Shivani Kumar, Emily Mis, Jeanette Dedelow, Hannah Colias, Lorin Levitan, Olivia Wagner, Jessica Avina *(third row)* Shailee Kumar, Melissa Avila, Emily Miljokovitch, Michelle Higgins, Anas Farooq, Chimezie Okolocha, Niral Shah, Sumanth Chintamani *(back row)* Jeremias Casas, Elana Schwartz, Jenna Pagane, Gabrielle Roque, Alexandra Lodewyck, Paige Spinks, Kaelyn Toth

SADD

(front row) Kimmie Montella, Jelena Todorovic, Mathew Puthenveetil, Connor Cecil, Christine Matthews *(second row)* Shelby Sharnowski, Sam Salzeider, Tyler German, Jenna Cecil, Christine Lissy *(third row)* Sara Baker, Emily Koutos, Natalie Dublak, Olivia Koufos, Natalia Fernandez de Cordova, Kaitlyn Hobbs *(back row)* Alex Kattan, Lukas Nossem, Chris Slivka, Kyle Murad, Alyson Fickleberry

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SADD

(front row) Nicole Plewniak, Shalini Kumar, Mary Kujawski, Tatiana Padilla, Erin Chant *(second row)* Rachel Corradin, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Rachel Chen, Ana Dominguez *(third row)* Maggie Szakacs, Lindsay Rozynek, Dayna Van Woert, Christine Slamkowski, Tania Cordova *(back row)* Madyson Moyer, Brett Szafasz, Courtney Weinberg, Kristina Stepanovic, Paige Heuer

Spanish Club

president: Michael Mavity
vice president: Olivia Koufos

(front row) Sarah Sharpe, Lia Andreatos, Elaina Etter, Andrew Koultourides, Sammi Koufos, Maritza Contreras, Zoe Munoz, Eva Montejano, Klarissa Hernandez *(second row)* Kailee Loughlin, Sadie Conner, Sydney Gunty, Trisha Madura, Tatiana Padilla, Olivia Reda, Samantha Adler, Tatiana Cruz *(third row)* Erin Lusk, Lindsay Rozynek, Haley Reda, Lupe Jauregui, Katy Arteaga, Amanda Miljokovitch, Cesar Camacho, Kristina Stepanovic *(back row)* Jasmin Carvajal, Marija Romic, Alexis Monthie, Dayna Van Woert, Courtney Weinberg, Jillian Rademacher, Grant Doctor, Jessica Banaszak

Spanish Club

activities: Salsa dance lesson, Chicago Fire game, Casa del Mar Restaurant, Memo's Restaurant

(front row) Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Rachel Corradin, Natalia Swiatko, Mary Kujawski, Rachel Chen, Jennifer Tassaro, Maya Portillo *(second row)* Gabrielle Dore, Colin Richter, Akhilesh Mishra, Alissa Flores, Olivia Blakely, Justin Lee, Akash Shah, Joe Yurek *(third row)* Kellie Juarez, Jessica Avina, Paulina Kawalec, Lauren Soeka, Maddie Sharmat, Fareesa Siddiqui, Nathalie Kauz, Alison Frankland *(back row)* Jessica Ivetich, Emma Hong, Tania Cordova, Judie Muhrez, Priya Shah, Deeva Khatiwada, Allison Wisniewski, Cassidy Schwartz

Spanish Club

(front row) Danijela Savic, Mia Torres, Michelle Pietruszka, Jill Osterhus, Holly Markovich, Devon Rodgers *(second row)* Mirsha Severinov, Nick Loughlin, Maggie Cole, Tatiana Lopez, Salony Dighamber, Jessica Bhavsar, Alex Serrano *(third row)* Anna Ackermann, Casey Griffin, Mariah Saucedo, John Avila, Andrew Alvarez, Maggie Perino, Maria Radbel *(back row)* Josh Heintz, Christian Rangel, Diego Gutierrez, Christine Slamkowski, Nicole Plewniack, Sam Barilla, Shannon Farrell

Spanish Club

(front row) Jessica Cieslak, Chelsey Wallace, Freddy Hernandez, Jessica Monjaras, Melissa Vlahu, Ashley Martin, Julia Adams, Brenda Chavez *(second row)* Jani Dominguez, Mackenzie Kasper, Angela Jones, Hannah Colias, Megan Sheets, Kiki Karabatak, Cristina McNeiley *(third row)* Danielle Koultourides, Jillian Homans, Erica Tritsch, Jelena Todorovic, Olivia Wagner, Emily Mis, Ashley Suda, Madeline Kasper *(back row)* Shelby Sarnowski, Sam Salzeider, Christine Lisey, Ana Perala, Samantha Adler, Conrad Navarro, Joaquin Villarreal, Gerardo Garibay

Spanish Club

(front row) Elizabeth Green, Elisha Jachna, Megan Miller, Emily Milojkovitch, Adam Stepanovic, Joshua Roman, Rami Haddadin, Kristin Augustyne, *(second row)* Steve Farrell, Niko Ingoglia, Matt Collison, Jon Newcomb, Steven Zahariadis, Saam Mojtahed, Steven Rakich, Ben Wanicki, Luke Wuchenich *(third row)* Brandon Weinberg, Sean Nolan, Michael Banach, Phillip Arteaga, Ryan Brickman, James Nolan, Matthew Mavity *(back row)* Michael Mavity, Roger Jachna, Mary Skurka, Alex Ingoglia, Lukas Nossem, Karanpaul Multani, Ethan Flahaven, Christian Leonakis

Spanish Club

(front row) Michelle Higgins, Mira Culic, Natalie Vick, Olivia Koufos, Jonathan Wachala, Emily Koufos, Rebecca Bernardi *(second row)* Katie Taylor, Sarah Clusserath, London Borom, Charity Davis, Bianca Cordova, Erin McCarthy, Kate Novak, Elizabeth Gouwens *(third row)* Emily Carlson, Jessica Banaszak, Kaitlyn Plewniak, Zachary Suggs, AJ Gauthier, Jennifer Deeckens, Nirlep Kaur *(back row)* Craig Dedelow, David Trivunovic, Kevin O'Brien, Eashan Kumar, Zak Kulam, Niko Karagan, Chris Markovich

Speech and Debate

president: Jonathan Wachala
vice president: Olivia Koufos
speech awards: won Sectionals, won State, won Districts, 11 National qualifiers

(front row) Harry Goldenberg, Cassidy Schwartz, Tania Cordova, Kendall Goldberg, Azad Neupane, Jessica Reddy *(second row)* Aesha Maniar, Haley Moles, Priya Shah, Judie Muhrez, Allison Mudro, Nathalie Kauz, Fareesa Siddiqui *(third row)* Robyn Flanagan-Seels, Michelle Chung, Samantha Morse, Ele Chakraborty, Colleen Majszak, Neeta Patwari, Ally Ylo *(back row)* Maddie Sharmat, Belinda Oberman, Nick Laszlo, Jorge Medina, Krishna Hegde, Tara Mojtahed

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Speech and Debate

debate awards: placed 5th at State and 2nd at Districts

(front row) Rachel Corradin, Sarah Sharpe, Sammi Koufos, Morgan Kaptur, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Delilah Owens, Rachel Borgo *(second row)* Gina Catania, Hayley Morris, Anna Shehigian, Viharika Peddi, Beatriz Costa-Lima, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Annie Burke *(back row)* Elaina Etter, Natalia Kotz, Lester Blumberg, Emily Bochnowski, Rachel Ruffalo, Priya Pierie

Speech and Debate

(front row) Maya Portillo, Selena Samardzich, Jabree Ellis, Carlyn Davis, Sierra Smith, Danielle Jones, Maui Evans *(second row)* Tatiana Padilla, Maggie Perino, Shalini Kumar, Salony Dighamber, Jessica Bhavsar, Andrew Alvarez *(third row)* Dana Owens, Cristina McNeiley, Valerie Niemiec, Melissa Tepperman, Erica Tritsch, Emma Hong, Tiffany Troumouliaris *(back row)* Ashley Wenzel, AJ Gauthier, Liana Varjabedian, Omnya Zaman, Kim Szymkowski, Megan Stone, Nikki Mammano

Speech and Debate

(front row) Hailey Estes, Sidarth Singh, Nick Siano, Calvin Sanders, John Kapitan, Phillip Arteaga, Amber Kimbrough *(second row)* Rathnam Venkat, Jack Arnold, Akhilesh Mishra, Akash Shah, Vijay Narayan, Aamina Khan *(third row)* Daniel Swiatek, Daniel Straka, Olivia Koufos, Emily Koufos, Jonathan Wachala, Ishani Sharma *(back row)* Marelle Cerven, Katie Taylor, Arika Jeter, David Straka, Christiann Tavitas, Parina Maniar, London Borom

Speech and Debate

(front row) Chandani Bhatt, Haley Conger, Emily Carlson, Jenny Deecken, Hannah Wagner, Miles Gunty *(second row)* Jessica Banaszak, Chris Yothment, Tom Vanko, Logan Foreit, Sam Punday, Devan Clark, Michael Wadas, Michael Peters *(third row)* Alison Reba, Viharika Peddi, Anna Shehigian, Brandan Bantu, Sam Punday, Megan Miller, Natalie Vick *(back row)* Peter Kraft, David Watts, Eashan Kumar, Niko Ingoglia, Saam Mojtahed, Jonathan Azar, Christian Fary

Dallas-Bound

National Speech Qualifiers

- Olivia Koufous, senior and Michael Goldenberg, senior (Memorized Duo)
- Jonathan Wachala, senior (Humorous Interpretation)
- Arika Jeter, senior (Dramatic Interpretation)
- London Borom, junior (Dramatic Interpretation)
- William Greenlaw, sophomore (Original Oratory)
- Emma Hong, sophomore (Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Sidarth Singh, freshman (Extemporaneous Speaking)

National Debate Qualifiers

- Shawn Tuttle, senior (Lincoln-Douglass)
- Jack Laszlo, junior (Congress)
- Ele Chakraborty, junior (Congress)

Speech and Debate

(front row) Alex Ingoglia, Michael Goldenberg, Ian Clark, Bridget Pruzin, Fengyee Zhou, Jake Shalen *(second row)* Matt Sellberg, Niral Shah, Jack Laszlo, Jonathan Alvarez, Josh Brodsky, Adam Stepanovic *(third row)* William Greenlaw, Hallie Peiler, Josh Roman, Jonathan Jercha, Nick Loughlin, Nick Anderson *(back row)* Ben Gonzalez, Nathan Kondamuri, Ben Brodsky, Shawn Tuttle, Kelly Bershader, Ryan Pohrte, Tom Yurek

Student Government

president: Elizabeth Wadas
vice president: Aaditya Shah
activities: planned Homecoming, Battle of the Bands, Red Cross Blood Drive, went to leadership conventions

(front row) Tania Cordova, Sammi Koufos, Emily Koufos, Liana Varjabedian, Maggie Szakacs, Danielle Koultourides, Gigi Chioros, Allison Wisniewski, Kailee Loughlin *(second row)* Ari Chioros, Ellen Wynn, Megan Nowaczyk, Zach Kennedy, Eashan Kumar, Colleen Jones, Max Kilibarda, Olivia Koufos, Nina Ogrizovich *(third row)* Oliver Sutter, Niko Ingoglia, Zak Kulam, Steven Burgwald, Ben Nichols, Aaditya Shah, Russell Doctor, Alexander Gauthier *(back row)* William Greenlaw, Steve Farrell, Danny Falloon, Lukas Nossem, Kevin Behrens, Alex Ingoglia, Chris Slivka, Steven Rakich

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Theater

shows: Fuddy Meers; Children of Eden; Backstage; Hello, Dolly!

(front row) Jennifer Deecken, Emily Carlson, Nirlep Kaur, Chris Yothment, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Megan Miller, Michael Han, Michael Peters *(second row)* Nick Estes, Josh Roman, Katie Gajewski, Tom Vanko, Steven Caraher, Ana Johnson, Adrienne Ault *(third row)* Ben Nichols, Matthew Cappo, Ben Mecyssine, Alex Chihara, Michael Banach, Tom Yurk, Christopher Cappo *(back row)* Shawn Tuttle, Teddy Niemiec, Michael Goldenberg, Josh Bobeck, Tim Wittcamp, Ryan Pohrte, Kevin Yurasovich

Theater

(first row) Levi Sasek, Tyler Van Wieren, Milos Trivonovic, Maria Karamichos, Valerie Niemiec, Hannah Fischer *(second row)* Lauren Mintz, Carly Levin, Jessica Banaszak, Brenda Mintz, Samantha Strimel, Austin Melder *(third row)* Lester Blumberg, Jonathan Wachala, Natalie Vick, Christian Fary, Aamina Khan, Colleen Kifer, Kendall Goldberg *(back row)* Emily Scholtz, Harry Goldenberg, Hannah Wagner, Jabree Ellis, Cassidy Schwartz, Tania Cordova

Theater

(first row) Emilie Riggs, Conrad Navarro, Hannah Fus, Haley Conger, Katie Taylor *(second row)* Helena Jancosek, Rachel Borgo, Mary Kujawski, Alexa Johnson, Belinda Oberman, Rebecca Karnezis, Tatiana Padilla *(third row)* Cristina Lopez, Ellen Scoleri, Jessica Van Wieren, Bridget McCullough, Samantha Adler, Kaylee Brandon *(back row)* Mike Della Rocco, Nelson Hemingway, Craig Popovich, Forrest Morgan, Trevor Corradin

Thespians

how to be a thespian: be in five consecutive shows, or six shows all together

(front row) Trevor Corradin, Alexa Johnson, Helena Jancosek, Katie Taylor, Kaylee Brandon, Haley Conger *(second row)* Jessica Van Wieren, Samantha Adler, Bridget McCullough, Conrad Navarro, Craig Popovich *(third row)* Mike Della Rocco, Forrest Morgan, Ellen Scoleri, Kendall Goldberg, Brenda Mintz, Samantha Strimel, Adrienne Ault *(back row)* Lester Blumberg, Hannah Fus, Natalie Vick, Emily Scholtz, Jonathan Wachala

on with the show

production week:

rehearsed from 4-6

the week before a show opens; worked on getting all of the props and costumes necessary

tech week:

rehearsed from 4 until complete

the week that a show opens; worked on making sure that lights and music were on queue

Thespians

(front row) Morgan Bunnell, Tom Yurek, Teddy Niemiec, Michael Goldenberg, Emilie Riggs *(second row)* Hannah Wagner, Nick Estes, Chris Yothment, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Nirlep Kaur *(third row)* Chris Cappo, Jenny Deecken, Emily Carlson, Jessica Banaszak, Ben Nichols *(back row)* Nick Kiesling, Josh Bobeck, Tim Wittkamp, Ryan Pohrte

Women's Ensemble

activities: performed at concerts, performed at Heartsfield Village

(front row) Brooke Winter, Helena Jancosek, Angelina Anello *(second row)* Natalie Vick, Delilah Owens, Brenda Mintz, Samantha Strimel, Colleen Kifer *(back row)* Katie Gajewski, Megan Miller, Katie Taylor, Morgan Papesh

Performing on stage at Battle of the Bands, Ed Peng, junior, rocks out on his bass guitar. His band, Lights Out, had been together for two years and had great chemistry, according to Ed. Through their cooperation and frequent practices, they won the battle. "It was great to have all those people come out and support us," Ed said.

With Harry Potter gear, Dejonette Kimbrough, senior, dives under a hurdle, trying to complete the relay race first. The activities for the pep rally included a jelly bean eating contest, a race on a broomstick and an obstacle course where those who participated switched off wearing a cape during the race.

Dressed her best and dancing with friends, Melissa Tepperman, freshman, enjoys her time at Turnabout. Dances gave students time to forget about school and just let out their stress. "Turnabout was a lot of fun," Melissa said. "I loved dancing with my friends and going out to eat at Houlihan's after."

we...

get down

Pushing off the AP Literature reading and Chemistry notebook work until Sunday, we forgot the troubles of school for almost two days. Whether having a Disney movie night with a few friends or dancing at a party to earsplitting music, we escaped daily academic stress like studying two and a half hours for a Government test.

Belting out Rebecca Black's "Friday," we celebrated the upcoming weekend. Once the sixth hour bell rang at 2:45 p.m. Friday, we rummaged through our backpacks for our cell phones and immediately began texting our friends, making plans for that night.

However, we didn't completely avoid school, for we scrambled to buy tickets for Turnabout or Battle of the Bands. Dancing the night away in the Field House or singing along to "Forget You" played by Justice of Benevolence, we spent time with our close friends and met new ones.

Besides the times playing video games like Call of Duty or watching movies like Paranormal Activity 2, we dealt with issues like the new driving laws and the difficult economy. Trying to secure a job at Munster Donut or the Munster Pool seemed difficult. From working for money for college to volunteering as a tutor for fifth graders at Eads, we served our roles in the community.

On top of playing our part locally, groups like HUM, a youth organization, helped people across the world by donating $150 to those affected by the earthquake in Japan.

School proved to be more than just constant studying and anxiety. From howling with laughter at Fuddy Meers to sledding at Centennial Park during our two and a half snow days, we used our weekends to the fullest and always tried to

play hard.

let it snow

hit hard by the third worst snowstorm in Chicago history , students rejoice with three snow days

As Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas, principal, came over the intercom on Jan. 31 during sixth hour, the whole school turned silent. "Attention students: there will be an early dismissal tomorrow at 12:45 due to the weather conditions." Little did the cheering students know that the third largest blizzard in Chicago history would hit within the next three days.

"I was really happy about the half day," Natalie Dublak, junior, said. "I thought it was a good decision so everyone could get home safe before the snow."

Based on weather conditions, school got canceled the next three days, leaving students with three snow days to be made up later during the year. Students questioned each other why so many days had been called off. The school worried for the safety of the students because not all the snow was cleared and they didn't want kids standing on the icy sidewalks, according to Mr. Randolph Harkabus, Assistant to the Superintendant.

Although the thought of adding three days to their summer didn't seem pleasing, students found ways to enjoy the break. Some even referred to the blizzard as "Snowpocalypse."

"I spent the three snow days sledding and catching up on sleep," Katie Speckman, freshman, said. "I thought the Snowpocalypse was unbelievable. I never thought we'd ever get three and a half days off school. That just wasn't Munster."

The snow days seemed exciting at first, with students going on Facebook to check if there was school, or even going on the school web site to see the big announcement, but some students felt the snow days became a little too much.

"Truthfully, it was enjoyable at first, but after all the snow stopped, it was a pain," Jack Arnold, freshman, said. "Shoveling driveways, neighbor's driveways, workplaces....not to mention, I was pretty much trapped in my house."

Whether students found enjoyment in playing in the snow and taking a break from school or became bitter about making up school days in the summer, the blizzard of 2011 proved to be a surprising, unexpected time for relaxation and adventure.

let it snow
Right after the 12:45 p.m. bell rings for the half day on Tuesday, Jan. 31, Sydney DeBoer, sophomore, trudges through the blowing wind and snow on her way home. "I was honestly shocked that they were even giving us a half day," Sydney said. "We were usually the school that was always still in session no matter what weather. I got snowed in with one of my friends, so we just chilled and played video games and watched a bunch of movies. The snow days were a nice little break, so I didn't mind having to make them up."

making way
Biking through Munster during the blizzard, Josh Heintz, sophomore, enjoys the blistery weather. "I had just finished shoveling snow from my neighbor's yards, so I thought I would go see what was going on around town," Josh said. "It wasn't everyday that that kind of thing happened, so I took advantage of the day off and made the best of it."

keeping it clear
Bundled in snow gear, Eric Alanis, freshman, shovels through the piles of snow. "It was terrible, " Eric said. "It took me two and a half days to get half of it done. It was super tiring."

snow you didn't

breaking records, the "Snowpocalypse" makes history

Making their way through the snow, Anna Ackermann, sophomore and Sam Helmer, freshman, leave the school on the Jan. 31 half day. **With school out for three days**, the front of the school remains empty as the sign reads 11 degrees. The temperatures during the three snow days read 24 degrees Wednesday, Feb. 1; 11 degrees Thursday, Feb. 2; and 20 degrees Friday, Feb. 3. **As the third largest snowstorm** in Chicago history takes over with a record of 21.2 inches of snow, a light pole in the South parking lot falls over because a snow truck broke down and hit it. **Snow piled up several feet**, the auditorium doors, along with several sidewalks and parking lots are blocked because of the massive amount of snow. During the blizzard, a recorded 70 mph wind blew throughout all of Northwest Indiana. Also, at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, NIPSCO reported 2,335 customers without service in Northwest Indiana alone.

days off

students share their stories and adventures during the three and half snow days

"I loved being able to be out on a school night due to a snow day! Also, while the men in the family were out shoveling, my grandma, who is now 62, and I talked about when she was a senior in high school during the 1967 snowstorm. I was a senior in high school and it was nice to be able to talk to her about memories of her snow days when she was younger!"

-Nicole Perez, senior

"Well I actually was very skeptical of the Snowpocalypse happening! I didn't think we'd get enough snow to close down school for even a day. And I spent the first few days shoveling and sledding, then I kind of got tired of the snow, so I spent the remainder of the time inside."

-Niko Ingoglia, sophomore

"I spent most of the time getting things done that I normally don't have time for. I built a giant snow fort with my brother on the first day but it collapsed. The 'Snowpocalypse' was everything it was hyped up to be and more."

-David Straka, junior

changing gears

with the new ability to drive, students with cars achieve more freedom

Instead of sluggishly snaking through the pool lot behind countless cars, Nick Brajak, junior, blasts country music from a truck and sings along with friends to pass the time. As the traffic dies down, Nick hops in his car and easily escapes the frustration everyone else endured.

Students found their own ways of dealing with parking lot hassles, such as congestion around 2:50 p.m. With a right turn as the only option, cars moved along more quickly, but not quick enough for some. Several students sprinted out of their sixth hour to beat everyone else.

"I was lucky because my class was right by the exit," Colin Mudroncik, junior, said. "I was usually the first out, so I didn't have to deal with the parking mess. It was also nice on those days where I had practice for baseball, so I didn't leave right after school, missing all the traffic."

Driving to school seemed like a privilege to people like Colin, but others like Anastasia Papadatos, senior, preferred car pooling. Whether to save gas or to avoid taking the bus, friends and siblings helped each other to and from school. However, juniors and sophomores who didn't make the cut-off didn't have a choice, due to a new law. Students now had to be 16 and six months and have 50 hours of driving time for a license.

Once students attained that desired piece of plastic that read "Operator's License," a whole new world emerged. Transportation was no longer an issue, and students transformed their new cars into a portable home.

"It was like my second home," Annie Fagan, junior, said. "If I wasn't at home or at work, I was in my car. I loved driving around with my friends when we were bored."

Along with the benefits came rules and responsibilities. Since almost every teenager possessed a cell phone, kids constantly communicated, even while driving.

"I felt that texting was definitely wrong as it greatly impaired your ability to react to what was on the road," Chris Yothment, senior, said.

Regardless of the varying opinions, students still texted and drove. The new concept of driving themselves instead of relying on parents marked a turning point in teenagers' lives.

hold the line
In front of the Aquatic Center, buses line the parking lot after school. Students without a car or license resorted to taking the bus to and from school.

stop and go
Hands in the air, Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas, principal, controls parking lot traffic after school. Since so many cars exited the same way, someone had to manage the mess.

tune it up

Working on his car, Matt Barsic, senior, disassembles the air intake to examine the air filter in his car. "You must unclip two separate clips on the intake, pull up the lower portion of the intake and remove the air filter and examine for damage and repeat in reverse order," Matt said. Students like Matt took care of their cars.

take a walk

Ready to leave school, Adam Miyashiro, sophomore, and Jenni Hlebasko, junior, walk through the pool lot to Jenni's car. "I didn't think the walk was long at all," Jenni said. "I actually really liked my spot because it wasn't far to walk, and if it was raining, it was convenient to have a closer spot."

in the family

About to leave, juniors Melissa Vlahu and Sean Nolan get in to Sean's car. Sean drove his cousin Melissa before and after school. "I drove her because she quite simply didn't like to ride the bus" Sean said. "I didn't mind driving her because she lived close to me and was my cousin."

parking pass

to get a parking spot, students camp out

8 p.m. "I was going to save a spot for my girlfriend, but I think the last spots were actually the best." **-Collin Hammermeister, junior**

4 a.m. "I wanted to get a good spot, and the experience of camping out with our grade seemed fun to me." **- Joanna Pugh, junior**

close call

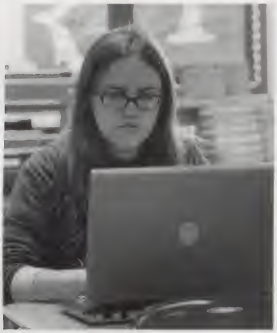
Juggling her phone and purse, Hannah Szany, junior, gets into her car. "I used my phone in the car when I had to meet someone or to answer a call," Hannah said.

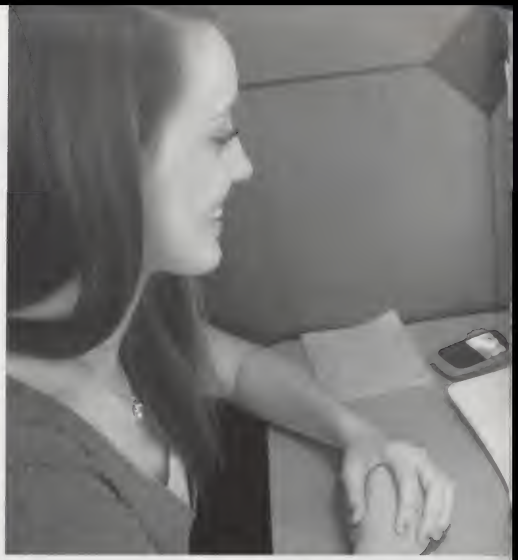
down the line

Lined up in the cafeteria, juniors enter the building for parking passes at 6 a.m. Even with school that day, students spent almost the entire night waiting for this moment.

face to face
With her webcam on, Juliet Capriglione, junior, talks to Ben Brodsky, junior, in a Skype chat. Students found Skype helpful when their friends couldn't meet at the same place, according to Juliet.

taking a side
Laptop open on her desk in AP Language and Composition, Hannah Wagner, senior, researches her topic for a persuasive speech in AP Language and Composition. "We had to choose a side of the issue and then argue it," Hannah said. "My topic was lowering the drinking age to 18, and I said it should be lowered."





solar panels

in an effort to save energy, Devin Zuck, sophomore, and his family add solar panels in their back yard

By cutting back on a few things and adding a 3000 Watt, 15-panel array in their backyard, Devin Zuck, sophomore, and his family were able to reduce their electricity bill by two thirds what it originally was.

"We replaced our lights with fluorescent ones and got rid of a refrigerator that we rarely used. With the solar panels, we ended up paying one third of our original bill. They were also fun because we could see how much energy we used per day, and we could look back and say, 'That was when I had a party because the power consumption was higher,' or 'That day was cloudy so we didn't need as much air conditioning.'"
Devin Zuck, sophomore

talk, text, type

with the release of the iPad 2 and the use of social networks, students find new ways to communicate and use technology

CJ Nunez, freshman, never really used his cell phone as often as most people he knew.

"I didn't ever really need it that much," CJ said. "My parents didn't mind me using my phone as long as I stayed focused. I also didn't have texting, so that made a huge difference. If I did have a texting plan, I'd probably have been on my cell phone way more. Since I could only call, it was normally just to my family or to make plans with my friends."

Communication played an important role in students' lives as long as it didn't get in the way of school or activities, according to Nathan Kondamuri, sophomore.

"It was healthy to communicate, but sometimes things like Facebook and texting could get distracting," Nathan said. "I used my phone every day, and Facebook updates like every three seconds, so it was pretty easy to procrastinate. I still think Facebook was a good tool. I used it to proofread my friends' papers for (Mr. David) Russell's class."

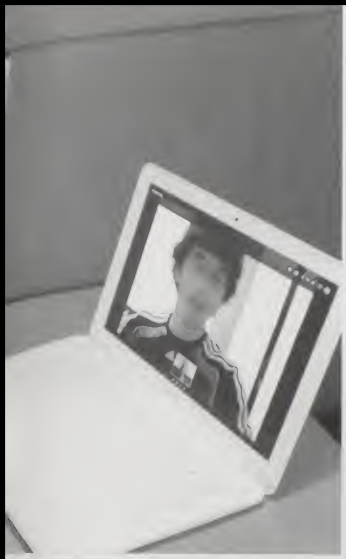
Some students, like Krishna Hedge, junior, used Google Documents, Skype and Facebook to communicate with their friends and study for upcoming tests.

"I always used GDocs to study for upcoming tests," Krishna said. "It was a good tool because you could chat with other people, and a lot of different people could edit it on different computers. It was a fast and easy way to share our notes."

Talking to relatives and friends from other schools became more frequent with the use of Facebook for students like Emily Kanewski, freshman.

"It was great because you could talk to people that you didn't see often without having to find a time and place to meet," Emily said. "You could just have a quick conversation with your friends, and staying in touch became way easier."

From Facebook to text messaging, communication became an important part of students' lives.



on a daily basis
Listening to music before the first bell rings, Daniel Artus, senior, kills time before classes start. During the year, Daniel started bringing his laptop to school every day. "I often had to type up assignments for projects, and having my laptop with me made it a lot easier," Daniel said. "It was also more fun to work on my assignments when I could listen to music and watch videos on my laptop."

the latest thing
During contact time, Samantha Beavers, sophomore, browses an app and listens to music on her iPad. "A lot of people didn't like iPads and said they were stupid," Sam said. "I loved it. I used mine all the time. I thought it was awesome."

social networking
Laptop open to Facebook, Kuangda Shan, junior, checks his notifications and talks to his friends. Students found Facebook as a way to talk to their friends and stay updated what they were doing, according to Kuangda.

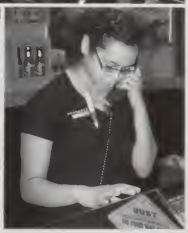
workaholic

Scrubbing a high pressured jet tanning bed at Sunseekers, Lexi Grubisich, junior, works from 3-9 p.m. on a Friday afternoon. Lexi worked nearly 37 hours per week. "It kind of just took up most of my social life," Lexi said. "Sometimes I felt like it was too much, but other times all the cleaning relieved stress." Lexi enjoyed her job because she felt the need to keep busy. "On my days off, I didn't know what to do with myself–I got bored."

a day's work

students work a variety of different jobs, balancing school and work

student	job	pay	hours per week
Haley Conger, senior	Dairy Queen	$7.25	10-15 hours
Lorin Levitan, junior	Texas Roadhouse	$7.25	12 hours
Ana Dominguez, junior	Butterfingers	$7.25	13 hours
Shalini Kumar, junior	Fro Yo	$7.25	20-25 hours
Sam Schlesinger, senior	Giovanni's	$7.25	15 hours
Ashlie Angotti, sophomore	Panera	$8.00	35 hours



Working the register, Michael Storino, senior, scans items for customers at Jewel. "It wasn't very difficult," Michael said. "I rung up items and talked to people, and I had to bag sometimes." **Piling cheese and sauce** on top of a pizza, Logan Carey, junior, works 24 hours a week and Rico's Pizza, making around $180 per week. **Hour by hour,** Cecilee James, senior, takes calls from people making reservations at Buffalo Wild Wings.

dollars and sense

On her first day of work at the new Panera in Munster, Nikita Kanal, senior, gets trained by a more experience employee. "It was really fun and I liked the people I worked with," Nikita said. "I got the job because I needed a job for the summer in order to have spending money for college."

pick and choose

Letting Cassie Pakan, senior, borrow her old dress, Brittany Goralczyk, junior, zips up the back of the long, beaded gown. They exchanged dresses in order to keep down the cost of Turnabout because it fell so close to prom, according to Cassie.

students balance jobs, school and friends while finding ways to save money

working overtime

Posting a status on Facebook, Hannah Szany, junior, did't have the typical job of a high school student. Hannah managed two alternative rock bands, The Scrows and Crows of Isis. She utitlized Facebook, posters and word of mouth to promote the bands, but she also contacted venues and made merchandise for them.

"I worked this job because I got a feeling of pride when they put on a great show when someone complimented them," Hannah said. "They were basically my brothers, so it was like helping out family. I also considered this a future career choice."

Other students like Alec Boyd, sophomore, wanted jobs to have a sense of responsibility, but having a job also came with balancing school and sports.

"Having a job taught you a better sense of money, responsibility and how to have a good time out of what you were doing," Alec said. "I loved working at Schoops."

However, juggling a job along with school, sports and extracurriculurs could put a strain on students, according to Alec.

"A sport, school and a job was too much," Alec said. "I couldn't do that. I usually took a break working for wrestling. Between cutting weight and always being physically drained, I couldn't have done a job too."

Students such as Sam Schlesinger, senior, worked at Giovanni's as a pizza cook in order to get money for gas, to eat out and to have general extra spending money.

Whether students worked or not, spending money became difficult with the hard economic times. Finding ways to have fun without a high cost wasn't always easy, but students still found cheap ways to hang out with friends.

ice cream social

After school, juniors Lucas Gonzalez, Alex Ingoglia and Peter Karnezis enjoy their Froyo treats. "I went to Froyo a lot because it was a community place and I've gone there since I was little," Lucas said. The guys also went there since it was cheaper than most places, according to Lucas.

help out

Pointing out the answer, Bridget Pruzin, junior, volunteers at St. Thomas Moore Religious Formation Classes. "I did it because teaching first graders was a fun way to volunteer for my church," Bridget said.

sort it out

At his church, David Straka, junior, helps out with the drinks. "I volunteered because I liked it and because it made me feel like a good person," David said. "Volunteering could also give you hands-on experience for something you would like to do in the future. It was great to see someone really happy when you helped them out."

teach a lesson

As her student displays her artwork, Lauren Oesterle, junior, takes a break from tutoring. Students went to Eads Elementary School to help fifth graders with subjects like math and English. "I tutored every Tuesday and Thursday," Lauren said. "I did it because I just wanted to help kids. I remember when I was in fifth grade, and the guidance I received from high schoolers was so valuable. I wanted to return the kindness, and keep this cycle going. Maybe those kids will want to do the same thing when they are juniors."

in charge

Coordinating activities at the CRY walk, Megha Kumar, senior, and Jack Laszlo, junior, count the money they made so far. CRY donated to children in India. "I did it to try and help people who had no resources to help themselves while I had all the resources to do whatever I wanted to do," Megha said.

lending a hand

going the extra mile, students volunteer their own time to help

With a fifth grader on either side of him, Ben Brodsky, junior, explains a simple long division problem to students at Eads Elementary School. Students such as Ben used the little time they had outside of studying and participating in activities to volunteer on their own.

From Tony Jurich, senior, spending time with young children at the Carmelite Home in East Chicago to Fengyee Zhou, senior, volunteering at the Community Hospital, students didn't need a school sponsored club to make a difference.

"Volunteering gave me an opportunity to give back to the community," Fengyee said. "That was why I volunteered at the hospital throughout both my junior and senior years."

Many students volunteered in places meaningful to them to both give back and get closer to something they felt passionately about. Megha Kumar, senior, helped organize the CRY walk to raise money to donate to needy children in India.

"CRY taught me that helping others a menial amount could help make a difference," Megha said.

On top of that, HUM, an Indian organization, gave back to the community by donating money to the Japan relief fund. Also, they donated to Children of Abraham, a place where they regularly volunteered, according to Shailee Kumar, senior.

Organizations in school also pushed students to volunteer on their own. Within the Orchestra, many students volunteered to help with the elementary school students in After School Orchestra on Mondays and Summer Orchestra. Students even helped out other high school students. Michelle Chung, senior, donated much of her time and volunteered to help Milena Lukic, senior, with her musical skills.

"Michelle really helped me improve more than I ever thought I could," Milena said. "She was a great help to me in Orchestra since I improved, and I guess I felt more confident when I played."

Regardless of the reason behind volunteering, students dedicated their free time to helping outside a school environment. Whether at the food bank or the humane society, volunteers made a difference with their time.

on their own

taking things into their own hands, students explain where they volunteer outside of school and why

"I volunteered with a Jewish youth group of Northwest Indiana called Noar. We were at the humane society, and we did it because we thought it would be a good way to help out our community."

-David Hurwich, junior

"I volunteered at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital once a week. I did it because I wanted to get a feel of a hospital. I wanted to study to become a doctor wanted to see what it was like. I also wanted to see the different types of doctors to see what I liked best."

-Tara Mojtahed, senior

pitch in

With a table cloth in hand, Elisha Jachna, senior, helps out at her church. Many students like Elisha donated their time for religious purposes.

tracing our roots

students embrace their cultures and religions that make them unique

Walking out of 1st hour, William Greenlaw, sophomore, becomes surrounded by groups of students who come from all different types of religions and cultures.

"My opinion came from looking around at the people who made up our school," William said. "In almost every social group, you could see that there wasn't simply one 'type' of person."

Diversity and religion made up a large part of the school, and students' culture or religion played a large part in their every day lives. At home, students embraced their culture by speaking their native language, eating specific foods or visiting their country of origin.

"I kept in touch with all my family in Mexico and visit regularly in the summer," Ana Dominguez, junior, said. "At home we spoke Spanish all the time. During the summer, I had so much fun in Mexico eating things you could never find here, like ice cream. It was a million times better."

Religion affected students as well. Religion contributed an important factor when it came to making everyday decisions. Some students, like Michael Peters, sophomore, actively participated in their religion every week. Michael served as an altar boy and frequently played his trombone at mass every Sunday at St. Thomas Moore church.

"I thought that religion had mainly given me a set of morals that I tried to live by," Michael said. "Aside from going to church every Sunday, I tried my best to be a good person."

Different cultures and religions celebrated their own special holidays. Sept. 16 represented Mexican Independence Day, according to Ana. In the Greek culture, they celebrated Names Day, according to Eleni Manousopoulos, junior. Each Greek name had a different day that it was celebrated.

Students not only benefited from their culture at home, but also at school. Eleni found that math was easier because of her knowledge in the Greek language. Instead of memorizing what a "pentagon" or "hexagon" was, she could just count in Greek.

"It was sometimes tough that my friends weren't Greek because I had a different vocabulary than them and I spoke Greek more so than English," Eleni said. "But what made it stronger was that Greeks always had each other's backs no matter what."

Students expressed their religion and culture in many different ways. Whether it students volunteered at church or learned more about a friend's culture, students immersed into different cultures every day, whether they knew it or not.

st. patrick celebration
While eating lunch, Colleen Ogren, sophomore, sports her green St. Patrick's Day clothing to celebrate her Irish culture. "St. Patrick's day was a time for our family to get together and eat and celebrate," Colleen said. St. Patrick's day falls on March 17 and celebrates the feast day of St. Patrick.

culture shock

students share experiences about culture and religion and embrace where they're from and what they believe. From worshiping every week to visiting their country, students surround themselves in culture on a regular basis

"I attended gurudwara weekly and did services there. I also listened to the priest about my religion and the importance of it. I also wore my turban as a symbol of faith daily and pray in the mornings and nights every day. Diwali was important to us because when the sixth guru, guru Hargobind Singh Ji, was released and helped 52 other people escape with him. He was greeted by the followers of Sikhism. We celebrated Gurpurab for the birth of each guru and there are ten total so we celebrated ten of them."

handful of henna
Carefully tracing a design onto Anita Perala's, junior, arm, Aesha Maniar, seniors, gives Anita a henna tattoo at HUM Culture Night. "It exposed kids to different aspects of culture in a fun way," Aesha said. "People learned about our cultural dances, traditional art, and tasted our food while having a good time with their friends."

helping hand
Putting out more pop for people, Roger Jachna, freshman, volunteers at church for a fish fry supporting the Lask Family. Volunteering at church served as one of the ways students embraced their own religion.

Karanpaul Multani, junior, Sikh

Josh Shalen, freshman, Jewish

"In some situations, being Jewish has helped me become more polite and accepting of other cultures because I knew what it felt like to be one of the few people in a religion. Every Friday I went to Temple for Shabbat, which was the day God rested after the creation. Every summer I went to Jewish camp for three weeks and I was surrounded by all Jews and I liked experiencing being around people with the same beliefs as me."

Andjela Radamilovic, senior, Serbian

"The most obvious way I embrace my culture was by fluently speaking Serbian. One of the most important holidays Orthodox Serbs celebrate was their Slava. The Slava was basically a day when you honored the saint your family chose to be its saint. It was pretty similar to Thanksgiving in that the family got together and eats a lot. It was very important to Serbians because every family had its own saint to honor, and this day helped people reflect upon their lives."

Sammy Dong, sophomore, Chinese

"Living in China has definitely changed my world view in that I realized there was so much more out there that I was actually a part of. In my opinion, it was not about being an American in a foreign country but rather opening your mind and becoming a small piece of a larger world. I almost always used Mandarin when talking to my parents. The language was different and adjusting to that was immensely difficult and required loads of work. I was pretty much illiterate and wasn't too hot at speaking either. I also used the metro to get around a lot."

battle it out

using this chance to show off their musical talent, four talent acts and five bands take the stage at Battle of the Bands in front of hundreds

With a blinding spotlight shining on her, Michelle Chung, senior, snaps along with the audience and plays the first chord on the piano, suddenly shattering the silence with Mike Posner's "Cooler Than Me." Mixing popular songs like Katy Perry's "Firework" and "Airplane," Michelle took unexpected turns throughout her performance while simultaneously belting out the lyrics and playing the music on the piano.

Following Michelle, five bands took the stage: [Your Name Here], Blind Transmission, Lights Out!, Justice of Benevolence and Voltage. With fifteen minutes to impress Student Government members, seven bands tried out for Battle of the Bands, but only five could compete. After qualifying for Battle, bands practiced weekly to feel ready, according to [Your Name Here] guitarist Conrad Navarro, junior.

"We practiced every weekend and several days more in a row," Conrad said. "I felt prepared, but I was a little nervous. I actually threw up backstage, due to some nerves, but mostly because I chugged two Monsters and ate half a pizza."w

Judged on criteria such as stage presence and crowd reaction, the faculty judges paid close attention to the bands' performances. Parents lined the front rows with flashing cameras, and supportive friends screamed.

Each band was limited to 25 minutes on stage, so they had to use their time wisely. Bands like Voltage agreed on songs together, while Your Name Here had each person pick on song, so they had six, according to Conrad.

Kicking off their performance with "Let's Get it Started," Lights Out! excited the crowd with a high-energy song and moves.

As the Battle came to an end, Lights Out! played "Forget You," featuring Michelle. Winning over the audience and the judges, Lights Out! earned the title of winning Battle of the Bands.

"When they were announcing everything, we were really tense backstage," Lights Out! guitarist Jeremias Casas, junior, said. "Tommy Fell (junior) was so confident that we were going to win that I had to hold him back. When we heard second place wasn't us, I threw him back and ran out there. We had a great group hug as a band."

After Battle of the Bands, Lights Out! celebrated their success with dinner together as a band.

sing out loud
With his cowboy hat on, Oliver Sutter, junior, sings for his talent act. "When I sang, I just enjoyed the moment," Oliver said. "I did get nervous, but it was a good nervous energy that got me excited to put on a great show."

quick facts

raising about $3,000 for Riley's Children Hospital, Student Government organized Battle of the Bands

1st Lights Out!

2nd Voltage

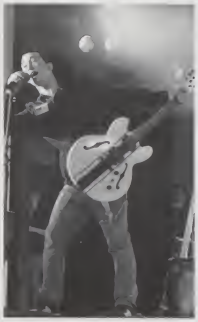
3rd Blind Transmission

drum roll, please
Announcing the winners of Battle, seniors Aaditya Shah and Danny Falloon end the night. Student Government members organized the show. "It took a lot of work," Aaditya said. "It was a lengthy process with rehearsals, getting the bands adjusted to the sound systems and getting judges."

road to Battle

after getting past the first step of trying out for Battle, bands practice frequently until the actual performance

bundle of nerves
Belting out "Creep" by Radiohead, Sam Strimel, senior, competes with six other bands to get a spot in Battle of the Bands. With only 15 minutes to impress the judges, [Your Name Here] felt pressured, according to Sam. "I almost threw up during tryouts, I was so nervous," Sam said. "I had awful nerves. When we made it, I was extremely excited. At actual battle, I was hyperventalating and almost puked."

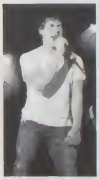


in the moment
Basking in the spotlight, Nick Riley, junior, gets past the nerves and sings with his band Blind Transmission. "In the beginning, I actually kept thinking of all the things that could go wrong," Nick said. "But then after, I got used to things. I just thought about having fun and playing the best I could."

pound the beat
As fog lingers in the background, drummer Brian Novatny, junior, concentrates on playing to the rhythm and keeping the beat for his band Justice of Benevolence. Brian also served as the person who got the band together by calling Ricky Cox, junior, two weeks before the audition and asking him to fill in with the base, and everything just clicked, according to Ricky.

at a glance

winners of Battle of the Bands, Lights Out! perform on stage



Microphone in hand, Oliver Sutter, junior, sings his heart out. **Rocking out,** Chris Speranza, junior, plays his guitar at auditions. **Drumming along,** Tommy Fell, junior, performs at Battle. **Eyes closed,** Jeremias Casas, junior, screams as he plays the guitar. "I had so much excitement that I lost myself in the moment," Jeremias said. "I just enjoyed myself on stage and watched the crowd's reaction."

Jan. 21
audition

March 5
practice

practice makes perfect
Focused on practicing, Austin Melder, sophomore, drums to the beat. "When it got closer to Battle, we practiced about three or four times a week," Austin said. "We practiced so we could be the best we could be."

March 7
practice

strung out
Strumming the guitar, Ed Peng, junior, plays with his band Lights Out! "When Battle was close, we practiced everyday," Ed said. "Practicing the songs helped us develop our chemistry, so we were less worried about the notes than the feel of the songs."

March 11
perform

sing a tune
At Battle of the Bands, Krista Zagar sings along with her band Justice of Benevolence. With three other band members, Krista sang to Alternative music

setting the stage

with smaller casts and bigger productions, Munster Theatre Company proves the strengths of each cast and crew member

As Christian Fary, sophomore, walks onto the stage from stage right during the last performance night of *Backstage*, he feels his fake mustache begin to fall off his face.

"Every night, I used double-stick tape, but I must have been extra sweaty that night because it just fell right off my face," Christian said. "Thankfully the show was about everything that could go wrong backstage during a performance that the audience never found out about, so it wasn't too hard to play off. It would've been a lot harder if it were a different show."

Improvising when something went wrong taught actors to think on their feet. The mustache incident "played out well with the spirit of the show," according to Christian.

Munster Theatre Company (MTC) also put on a 42-song musical called *Children of Eden* in the fall, which proved to be "the hardest show we've done vocally," according to Mr. William Woods, music teacher.

"We spent the majority of our time on vocal rehearsals," Mr. Woods said. "We started way earlier, and we also picked really strong voices since some of the songs had only two or three people singing for each part."

The sets for the show were designed so simply that the actors had to serve as the set in some scenes in the show, according to Alexa Johnson, junior.

forbidden fruit
Golden Apple in hand, Katie Taylor, senior, who played Eve in *Children of Eden*, tries to resist the snake's temptation. "The snake wanted me to eat the apple from the garden of Eden so that I could see the world," Katie said.

like animals
Gathered together with the rest of the chorus members in *Children of Eden*, Steve Caraher, freshman, portrays an animal. "Since we had such a small cast, all of the chorus members had to play animals too," Steve said. "In that scene, we were waiting to be named by God."

covering truths
Trying to keep senior Nick Estes's, character, Pete, calm, Megan Miller, junior, tries to cover up the fact that the main character in the show had died. "Nick's character was trying to find the lead, but I was trying get him to go away because we were trying to cover up the fact that he died," Megan said.

devising a plan
Trapped inside the antagonist's basement, sophomores Rachel Borgo, who played Gertie, and Ben Nichols, who played Richard, look through a photo album. "One of the pictures was of someone digging in her garden with a shovel," Ben said. "This inspired us to hit the bad guy in the head with a shovel and escape."

nosy neighbor
During a kitchen scene in *Fuddy Meers*, sophomores Tania Cordova and Rachel Borgo act startled at the sock puppet in their window. "It was just one of the quirks of one of the characters in the show," Rachel said. "He always had a sock puppet on his hand."

in the script
Flipping through a script, Priya Plerie, sophomore, tries to memorize another actress's lines in *Backstage*. "My character was a major drama queen," Priya said "In order to keep her busy, the stage manager just told me that I was filling in for another character so I was going to need to memorize all of those lines."

backstage vocabulary

Some of the terms thrown around backstage would be easy for the cast and crew to understand, but they can be hard to understand for others.

alcove: an entrance from backstage to the stage; one on stage right and stage left

call time: the time that actors need to get to the theater on a show night in order to get costumes and makeup on and to get ready for the show; about an hour and a half before the show starts

house: the area in the auditorium where the audience sits

the Romeo and the Juliet: the smaller dressing rooms backstage for principle characters; the Romeo for the male principle characters and the Juliet for the female principle characters

spirit circle: a Munster Theatre Company (MTC) tradition that occurs in the makeup room 30 minutes before show time involving the entire cast to get pumped for the show

source: Christian Fary, sophomore

on the table
Shuffling a deck of cards, Morgan Papesh, freshman, deals to sophomores Helena Jancosek and Tania Cordova and Colleen Kifer, freshman, during *Backstage*. "We were supposed to be playing poker because Morgan's character, Yolanda, was supposed to be card shark," Colleen said. "None of us knew how to play poker, so we just played Uno with regular cards."

wait, what? the novice show's odd name made people wonder what the show was about

With a name like "Fuddy Meers," many people got confused about what the show was about and what the name meant, according to Eric Etter, junior. "Basically one of the characters had aphasia, and she couldn't say 'Funny Mirrors' or anything else for that matter," Eric said. "It's about a woman with amnesia and her life in a single day."

final wishes
In a conversation with Father, played by Jonathan Wachala,senior, and Katie Taylor,senior, who played Eve, asks if her son is alive. "She was basically just talking to God about her son and saying her final words before she died," Katie said.

in each other's arms
Singing a song with Nick Estes, senior, who played her husband, Japheth, Natalie Vick, junior, sings *In Whatever Time We Have*. "Being in that show was indescribable," Natalie said. "The music and the story touched everyone of us actors."

noah's ark

Paired up, each animal waits to board the ark. "That was the Noah's Ark scene, and I was the tiger," Rebecca Karnezis, freshman said. "I was so excited when I made the show because I heard how hard it was to make it, and I made it as a freshman."

another argument

Getting into another fight, Priya Pierie's, sophomore, character takes offense to Morgan Papesh's, freshman, comment. "My character was a total diva, and Morgan's character really hated her," Priya said. "Throughout the show, they were basically at each other's throats."

setting the stage

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"It was so hard to be the set because you had to stand so still the whole time," Alexa said. "There was this one part where we were being trees, and there was the snake dance that I choreographed going on at the same time, and while everyone else was looking straight ahead, I couldn't stop watching the dance."

Alexa became the musical choreographer after the previous choreographer graduated.

"Since this was my first time choreographing, it was nice to have this show be my first one," Alexa said. "It wasn't too dance-heavy, but the dances I did have (cast members) do were awesome. It was also pretty good because there weren't very many people. The cast was pretty small, which was also nice because it wasn't lead characters and chorus members. We were all one cast."

With a cast of eight actors, *Fuddy Meers*, the novice show, worked a little differently, according to Eric Etter, junior, who assistant directed the show with Katie Taylor, senior.

"When Katie (Taylor, senior) and I were choosing scripts for this play, we had an idea of what we wanted," Eric said. "We knew we wanted a comedy, and we knew we wanted a small cast. We could've easily picked a script with a large cast, but we wanted each of the actors to have a lot of stage time. The novice show is about learning to be on stage, and instead of having each person have a minute or two on stage, the actors had to act, and they were put in a situation where they were forced to learn."

The whole cast's dynamic was great, and everyone got along, according to Rachel Borgo, sophomore, who played Gertie, mother of an amnesiac.

"The whole show was basically about an amnesiac," Rachel said. "The whole play was sort of like a typical day in her life."

Whether students performed in a 42-song musical or had to improvise during a costume malfunction on stage, they always put on shows with their own style.

making a scene

after weeks of preparation for the musical, *Hello Dolly!* displays a story of a matchmaker in New York City through 14 songs and six dances

With her face caked in make-up and a purple dress on, Katie Taylor, senior, runs through lines in her mind and listens to music to release her nerves before show time. She was ready to step onto the stage and begin her performance as the lead role like it was any other practice after school.

Practicing almost everyday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Hello Dolly!*'s cast drilled their roles into their memories. These rehearsals were absolutely necessary to clean things up and for a good performance, according to Jonathan Wachala, senior.

"I couldn't stress enough how vital rehearsal was," Jonathan said. "It was one thing to learn individual lines and songs, but to bring everything together made the show what it was. Theater was such a collaborative effort, and the rehearsal gave us that time needed to put every piece of the puzzle together for a fantastic show."

However, practice and memorization wasn't restricted to only those three hours after school. The musical's participants had to go that extra mile and spend time at home working on their roles and lines.

"It took a little bit of practice outside of theater," Natalie Vick, junior, said. "After a while, it started to come naturally, and I was able to memorize lines that way."

Natalie had to assume the role of Ermengarde Vandergelder, a woman in one of the couples set up by matchmaker Dolly Levi, played by Katie. In *Hello Dolly!*, Dolly put Ermengarde with Ambrose Kemper, played by Teddy Niemiec, senior.

Along with this pair, Dolly set up Irene Malloy, played by Megan Miller, junior, and Horace Vandergelder, played by Nick Estes, senior. Dolly's underlying motives for her matchmaking was to be with Horace, a half-a-millionaire from Yonkers, New York.

Dolly achieved her goal of being with Horace after a twisting plot, manipulated by Dolly. Through song and dance, the *Hello Dolly!* cast portrayed Dolly's journey to Horace in two acts.

"I think the whole message in *Hello Dolly!* was just one of optimism and hope," Megan Miller, junior, said. "*Hello Dolly!* showed audiences that no matter what seemed to be stopping them, they should never lose hope."

celebrate good times
Fists in the air, a group of guys end a song with different facial expressions. "Acting was a matter of empathy," Nick Estes, senior, said. "I tried to understand how my character felt about the situation he was in. Then I made myself feel those emotions. The faces came as a natural result of that empathy."

behind the curtains

from assembling the set to going over lines, practice was necessary

Paint brush in hand, Emily Shultz, freshman, prepares the set for *Hello Dolly!*. **Happily at practice,** Jonathan Wachala, senior; Christian Fary, sophomore; and Katie Taylor, senior, act together. "The rehearsal schedule changed as we came closer to opening night," Jonathan said. "When we were still about two months out, we simply had chorus and leads rehearsal once a week. However, as we got closer, rehearsal was eventually everyday after school. Some were shorter than others, depending on if the entire cast was present or just principle characters." **All together,** the musical's dancers crowd around Alexa Johnson, junior, at a practice. Alexa taught the dancers the choreography and moves.

hand in hand
Singing the song "It Takes a Woman," Christian Fary, sophomore; Nick Estes, senior; and Jonathan Wachala, senior, celebrate Horace's upcoming marriage in New York.

pout in place
Upset by Jonathan Wachala, senior, Christian Fary, sophomore, crosses his arms in frustration. "To get into character, I would pace and jump around in the dressing room," Christian said. "I would spin to 'shake off' Christian and let Barnaby appear!"

don't lose face
With the lead role of Dolly Levi, Katie Taylor, senior, expresses the many faces of the mischievous matchmaker. "To get into character, I asked myself questions about how and why the character was doing what they were to evoke their emotions," Katie said. "It took 100 percent every single time you got on stage to be consistent and effective."

free as a bird
Overwhelmed with happiness, Megan Miller, junior, sings as Irene Molloy. "I usually took a few minutes alone before each performance," Megan said. "I just ran lines in the mirror and totally thought myself into character."

touch up
As she fixes her earrings, Rachel Borgo, sophomore, peers into the mirror. The cast spent about an hour and a half before each show getting ready. Everyone had to change into costumes and do their make-up.

dance in tune

Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom broke students out of the shells and allowed them to spend time with each other

As Maya Portillo, sophomore, walks into the school arm and arm with her date, lights flash and Far East Movement's "Like a G6" blares in the gym. She continues to maker her way into the gym, anticipating a night to remember.

"Turnabout was the first dance I went to with a guy. It was special because I got the flowers and everything," Maya said. "It was fun to slow dance because I had never slow danced with a guy before."

Going to a dance for the first time proved to be exciting and surprising for underclassmen.

"Prom was really special this year because it was my first Prom, and not a lot of sophomores got to go," Hallie Peilet, sophomore, said. "I was really surprised that I got asked this year."

Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom allowed students to take a break, dance and spend time with friends. Dances also gave students a chance to step out of their comfort zone and ask a date to the dance.

"I really liked just getting to spend time with my date at Turnabout because although we talked in school, it was fun to get to know him outside of school," Hannah Wagner, senior, said. "He didn't usually hang out with my friends, so it was nice that he got to know them, too."

Whether the fear of being rejected or the lack of creative ideas, student encountered obstacles when it came to asking a date a dance. Some students, like Vince Pacatang, sophomore, got asked to a dance in a creative way.

"Bridget (Pruzin, sophomore) buried a treasure chest in the snow in my backyard and marked it with an X," Vince said. "Then she called me and told me to go to my backyard and find it."

Vince found the treasure chest and accepted his invitation to Turnabout. Although students had fun thinking of new ways to ask a date, Emily Bochnowski, freshman, had trouble coming up with ideas to ask a date and relied on a phone call to ask, which ended up working.

"I was shopping for Turnabout dresses with two of my friends who already had dates, and I hadn't asked anyone," Emily said. "They kept telling me to call him (Tyler Dickeson, freshman) and just ask him, so I left him a voicemail and told him to text me yes or no."

ready, set, dance

girls and guys share different ways of getting ready for dances and how long it took them

"It took me about an hour and a half to get ready for Homecoming. Mira (Culic, junior) came and did my hair, and I did my make up. After that, all I had to do was put my dress on, and then I was ready. "

-Anita Perala, junior

"I didn't feel busy at all. It went smoothly for me. Some people could be stressed out and a lot had a really busy schedule. It took them the whole afternoon to get ready for Prom, but it only took me about an hour."

-Justin Hott, senior

dance to the beat

Hand in hand, Eric Frasco, senior, and Hannah Colias, junior, dance at Turnabout. Couples got to spend time with each other at dances, and got the experience of getting flowers, dressing up and dancing.

laugh it off

On the dance floor, freshmen Ashley Sprinkles and Tony Delaglo smile and laugh with each other. For underclassmen, dances were a fun and exciting experience where they could dress up, dance and eat after.

slow dance

Looking into each other's eyes seniors Raphael Stringer and Jenna Cecil dance as prom king and queen. "I was really excited because I didn't think I was going to win," Raphael said. "I was happy for Jenna. She deserved to win. It was the best dance of my life."

making faces

As a friend makes a joke, seniors Da Kyung Lee, Paige Opinker and Gabrielle Sapyta laugh at Turnabout. Dances provided a break from academics and allowed students to spend time with their friends and have a good time.

on pins and needles

Because the top of the flower fell off, Megan Burke, junior, helps her friend, Kevin Meyers, junior, pin his boutineer on his jacket. "The flower kept falling off, so we had to use these pins to hold it up but it still kept falling," Kevin said. "Other than the flower, it was a really fun night, one of the best nights of my life."

in a flash

Anxiously awaiting the names of Prom king and queen, students gather around the stage and snap pictures. Students took pictures to keep the memories of high school Prom.

let loose

Moving to the beat of the music, sophomores Haley Reda and Maggie Szakas enjoy their time at Homecoming. "We were just dancing and having a good time," Haley said. "We went on a party bus after the dance, and that was so much fun."

dancing fever

Homecoming

- "Harry Potter"
- Oct. 2
- 7-10 p.m.
- MHS Fieldhouse
- $17 singles
- $34 couples
- King and Queen: Max Kilibarda and Olivia Koufos

Turnabout

- "Alice in Wonderland"
- Feb. 26
- 7-10 p.m.
- MHS Fieldhouse
- $18 singles
- $36 couples

Prom

- "Chicago"
- April 30
- Grand March: 4:30-6 p.m.
- MHS Fieldhouse
- Dance: 6:30-10 p.m.
- Halls of St. George
- $40 singles
- $80 couples
- King and Queen: Raphael Stringer and Jenna Cecil

one on one
Slow dancing at Turnabout, Shailee Kumar, senior, dances with her boyfriend. "The best part was dancing with my friends and boyfriend," Shailee said. "My boyfriend went to another school, so I had one of his teachers give him a cookie cake that said 'Turnabout?'"

face the music
Back to back, students dance in a line at Turnabout. Dancing and hanging out with friends proved to be a highlight of the night for some students. "Dancing and having fun with my friends made Turnabout a really memorable night," Calvin Sanders, freshman, said. "I had a really good night."

picture perfect
During dinner at the Halls of St. George where Prom took place, Melissa Beary, senior, and Jessica Jancosek, junior, pose for a picture. "I had so much fun at Prom," Jessica said. "It was probably my most fun dance so far of high school! My group and date were awesome, and I was really happy I got to go this year!"

double dip
Ready to dip desserts in the chocolate fountain, Ida Sund, junior, and Mike Gauthier, senior, help each other. "Prom was really good because it was different than the other dances," Ida said. "It took me about five hours to get ready, but I loved how everyone was looking at me in my formal dress."

dance in tune

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Asking a date to the dance only took up part of the preparation for the big night. Picking up flowers, getting dresses and tuxedos and doing hair and make-up proved to be the normal routine before the dances. While some students took a half hour to get ready, others took the whole day, encountering small malfunctions throughout.

"The longest preparation for Prom was my hair because the guy who was supposed to do my hair got in a car accident (he was okay), and he already had a plan, but he couldn't do it anymore," Nicole Griggs, junior, said. "So I had to figure out a quick idea to tell the new person who was doing my hair. It sucked, but you just had to go with the flow because nothing ever went exactly as planned. My hair turned out great in the end, though!"

After hours of getting ready and taking pictures, the night unfolded into fun, partying and dancing. Arriving at the dances, students found their friends and socialized before the night began. After the awkward first dance, the dance floor erupted with loud, pounding music.

Music played a large role. The type of music played at the dance made students form opinions about their night. Each student had their own taste in music, and pleasing the crowd remained difficult for the DJ.

"I thought the music at Turnabout was about average, a pretty good time, and a few questionable songs here and there," George Kanavos, senior, said. "I think that Homecoming was better because we had a better DJ."

Other students enjoyed the random songs that the DJ sometimes played.

"I really liked the music at Prom," Lauren Oesterle, junior, said. "I liked the oldies, such as when they played 'Twist and Shout.' It was awesome."

The night didn't end when the music stopped playing. The dance seemed to be a minor part of the night. After each dance, students did things such as going out to eat, taking a party bus to Chicago, going to a cottage or simply hanging out at a friend's house.

"Prom was a lot different because it was our last dance, so my friends and I decided to make it a good one," Rachael Nelson, senior, said. "I went with one of my good guy friends, which made the dance a lot better. The after party had so many of my friends in one place. It was nice to have that as my last memory for a dance."

The three dances, Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom, gave students something to look forward to and create great memories. Captured in pictures and in their minds, the dances will always remain with them. Whether making fun of the music, going with a date or just dancing with friends, students made it a night to remember.

dance the night away
Step by step, Brittany Gilbert, junior, dances with Raphael Stringer, senior, at Prom. "Well, I thought the music was really good!" Brittany said. "I had an awesome time at Prom and I think everyone had a really good time, too!"

grand affairs
For the first time in high school, Jolie Watson, sophomore, walks during the Grand March with boyfriend Kyle Wargo, senior, before Prom. "I was really lucky to go as a sophomore," Jolie said. "It was exciting to know that I could go to Prom three years, instead of the normal two. I had an awesome time during the dance and hanging out with my best friend and boyfriend at the after party."

all smiles
Arm in arm, seniors Erica Keeler and Danny Falloon arrive at the Homecoming dance laughing with their friends. "The best part about Homecoming was the theme (Harry Potter)," Danny said. "I even asked Erica with a wand from the Harry Potter movie."

finding the way

running through the crowded hallways, finding their way through unknown territory, freshman share stories about getting lost each hour of the day

1st hour

"I didn't really get lost because I always carried a map, but I couldn't find Mr. Mayer's room. It was in a hallway with hardly any classes, and I couldn't find it to save my life."

-**Jessica Avina, freshman**

2nd hour

"I only got lost a few times in the school within the first week, and that was making it to Mr. Percifield's class from the band room. I would always take the wrong hallway and end up in the hallways Ms. Wayne taught in, but after the first week, I stopped making that mistake; lame, I know."

-**Levi Sasek, freshman**

3rd hour

"I had a lot of trouble finding Jovanovic's class in South second semester. I ended up asking like three people how to get there."

-**Nick Siano, freshman**

4th hour

"So I had two teachers named Barker and Baker and they were across the hall, and the first day of school, I spent part of my study hall in Baker, who was a math teacher, when I was supposed to be with Baker, an English teacher."

-**Melissa Teppermen, freshman**

5th hour

"I could never find Argenta's room because even when I asked people fore help, I couldn't understand their directions."

-**Janel Solis, freshman**

6th hour

"I didn't know how to get to the door to the Fieldhouse. We opened every door, and we ended up just going through the Commons."

-**Akash Shah, freshman**

walk it out
Walking side by side, Kelly Russell, freshman, and Lauren Sueka, freshman, find their way to class before first hour. Students found that going to class with friends helped them find their way to class.

Tayseer Abdelsalam
Jacob Ahlt
Erick Alanis
Joshua Allard
Brandon Amaloo
Emily Anderson
Evangelia Andreatos
Christopher Anguiano

Jack Arnold
Kathryn Arteaga
Betty Askew
George Asya-Broughton
Jessica Avina
Victoria Avina
Jonathan Azar
Jessica Banks

Caroline Beckman
Elizabeth Beckman
Abigail Bednarowski
Samuel Bell
Jeremy Benedek
William Benman
Samantha Bensema
Austin Berry

Ian Bialkowski
James Bieniak
Nicholas Blackstone
Mary Blocher
Justin Bobos
Emily Bochnowski
Spencer Boerman
Kaitlyn Bohling

Thomas Bolanowski
Adis Bradaric
Ryan Brickman
Vincent Broelmann
Amanda Brown
Jesse Bruzan
Jessica Burek
Amber Caldwell

Cesar Camacho
Flabio Campos
Milan Canak
Matthew Cappo
Steven Caraher
Itxel Carlos
Alexis Carrizales
John Carter

Gina Catania
Vincent Caudill
Uttam Chander
Ariana Chioros
Ian Clark
Alex Coccia
Charmaine Connell
Sadie Conner

Anthony Conroyd
Maritza Contreras
Analiese Corey
Tatiana Cruz
Ansell Dafinghor
Shriya Das
Kurt Davia
Jacob Deboer

Alex Del Rio
Antonio Delgado
Ricardo Delgado
Demetri Delis
Paul DeRolt
Christian Diaz-O'Connell
Tyler Dickeson
Jacob Dillman

Alyse Dittrich
Luis Dominguez
Matthew Dorabialski
Gabrielle Dore
Jared Duck
Cassandra Eberle
Mary Eden
Zackary Esmin

Ruben Escalante
Julia Eskander
Austin Etter
Elaina Etter
Maui Evans
Shannon Farrell
Bess Fary
Daniel Fehring

Hannah Fischer
Robyn Flanagan-Seels
Brenda Flores
Jonathan Flores
Erin Flynn
Jacob Flynn
James Foster
Alison Frankland

Evan Fus
Brandon Galambos
Joseph Gallagher
Maritza Garcia
Nayelly Garcia
Jacob Gariup
Aleksandra Gasich
Lara Gasich

Demetrios Georgalas
Amelia Georgas
Jyotshal Ghimire
Shawn Gish
Harrison Goldenberg
Miguel Gonzalez
Allyson Goodrich
Casey Gouwens

Lucas Groszewski
Amber Grove
Cody Grzybowski
Sydney Gunty
Alondra Guzman
Adrian Guzman de La Mora
Kyle Hansen
Tyler Hansen

Brandon Hanusin
Max Hastings
Robert Heitz
Samuel Helmer
Heather Hemingway
Nelson Hemingway
Mario Hernandez
Natalia Hernandez

Steven Herndon
David Hladek
Ross Hobbs
Emylee Huard
Brenden Hunter
Christopher Hunter
Ashley Hwang
Blessing Ibikunle-Salami

Nicklaus Ingoglia
Miriam Isa
Katarina Ivanovic
Priasha Iyer
Roger Jachna
Jake Janik
Fernando Jimenez
Ana Johnson

Michael Jurkash
Katlin Kalemba
Eric Kalis
Emily Kaniewski
John Kapitan
Morgan Kaptur
Maria Karamichos
Rebecca Karnezis

Taylor Katalinic
Nathalie Kauz
Paulina Kawalec
Zachary Kennedy
Vincent Kesic
Deeva Khatiwada
Colleen Kifer
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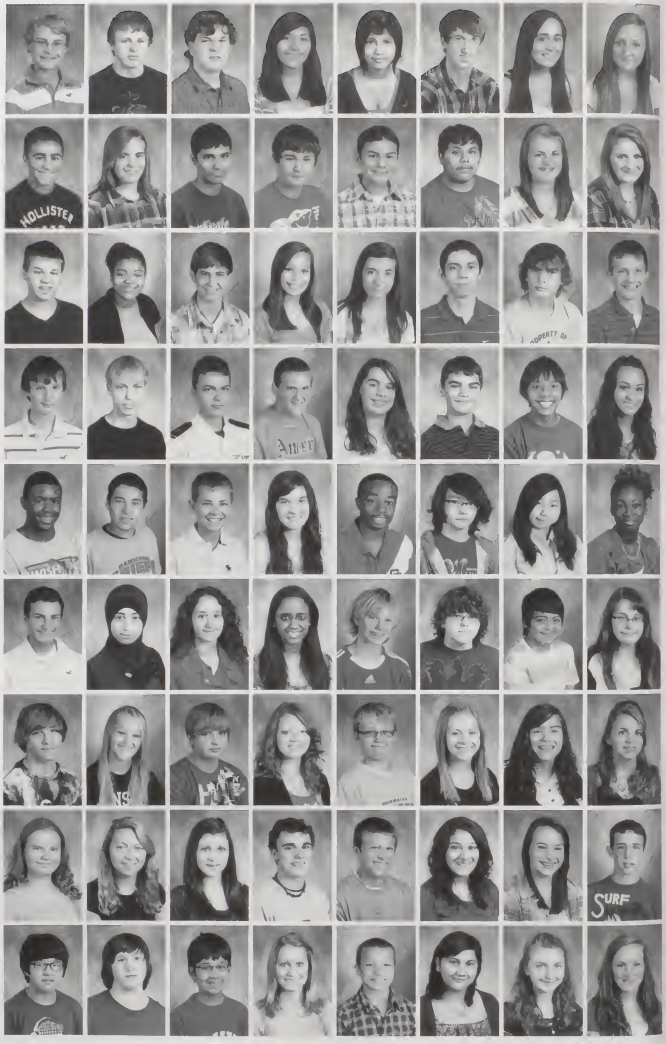

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Peter Kurowski
Emily Lagestee
Jacob Lakomek
Arturo Landeros
Catherine Lebryk
Marko Lekic
Flynn LeMonnier

Zachary Liesenfelt
Brandon Logerquist
Katherine Long
Chase Lorenz
Tyra Lott
Kailee Loughlin
Jessika Majszak
Jeremy Malungcot

creating new bonds

as three schools join together, students interact with new people and are forced to step outside of their comfort zone

Bombarded with new faces and new surroundings, Maritza Garcia, freshman, walks into first hour and sits next to someone who she's never seen before.

Being next to people she had never met forced Maritza, who went to St. Thomas Moore School, to talk to people from St. Paul's or Wilbur Wright Middle School.

Sitting next to different people in English class allowed Alyse Dittrich, freshman, to meet people from different schools.

"Meeting people from different schools was important because you met new people," Alyse said. "And you learned about diversity."

Many students met future friends through clubs or sports. Sports required students to work together and act as a team, and clubs allowed students to interact in a non-academic setting and get to know people with similar interests. Sports and clubs gave students a chance to exit their comfor zone and gain courage to talk to someone they didn't know.

Joining track helped Cassidy Schwartz, freshman, meet friends with similar intrests as her.

"It was important to broaden your horizons regarding your social group," Cassidy said. "And to try and make everyone in our school feel welcome."

all talk
Talking next to their lockers, freshmen Alison Stahl, Katie Kalemba, and Taylor Michalski socialize before the first hour bell rings. Students met new people through classes and joining clubs or sports.

Nicole Mammano
Cheyenne Marciniak
Rachel Markowicz
Amanda Martin
Lillian Martinez
Nathan Matthews
Eliott Maul
Patrick McCarthy

Amy McCullough
Michael McGrath
Reginald McKenney
Emily McNicholas
Deanna McPartlan
Benjamin Mecyssine
Tyler Mehay
Matthew Menchaca

Joel Mendoza
Taylor Michalski
Victoria Miller
Amanda Milojkovitch
Lauren Mintz
Jacob Mirowski
Akhilesh Mishra
Ayaz Mohammed

Ashley Mojarro
Saam Mojtahed
Haley Moles
Alexis Monthie
Alejandro Morado
Indigo Moran
Joseph Moreno
Justin Moreno

Winston Mosley
Supitcha Muangmingsuk
Allison Mudro
Judie Muhrez
Zoe Munoz
Vijay Narayan
Jasmin Nelson
Vanessa Newell

Valerie Niemiec
Emma Nossem
Brittany Nowak
Claude Nunez
Juan Nunez
Belinda Oberman
Danica Obradovic
Megan O'Brien

Bassam Odtallah
Manar Odtallah
Demetrio Ornelas
Arturo Ortiz
David Osborne
Martin O'Shaughnessy
Jill Osterhus
Steven Ozug

Jessie Palma
Peter Panos
Constantine Papadatos
Morgan Papesh
Chara Parfitt
Ethan Paskewicz
Dhiraj Patil
Neeta Patwari

Quinton Pedrick
Cameron Pendrick
James Perino
Andrew Phifer
Michelle Pietruszka
Sierra Pilackas
Steven Pilipow
Joseph Pillarella

munch on lunch

what kind of lunch?

- 59 hot
- 10 cold
- 25 combination of hot and cold
- 6 no lunch

favorite lunch

- 17 buffalo bites
- 16 design a salad
- 25 homemade pizza
- 12 deli bar and mini corndogs
- 30 other

source: survey from May 11 of 292 students

to cut or not to cut?

49 said yes

51 said no

after four consecutive hours of academic work, lunch provides a break for students and allows them to sit with friends and regain energy

lunch break
Laughing about something a friend just said, freshmen, Allison Frankland, and Angel Mendoza, enjoy their break at lunch. Lunch provided a nice break for where they could relax.

John Pitsas
Nicholas Powell
Elizabeth Prado
Payton Preboy
Michelle Prevatte
Sydney Puckett
Paige Puplava
Steven Rakich

Christian Rangel
Kaley Regan
Tyler Reinsma
Matthew Reno
Christopher Rhodes
Erik Rhodes
Gina Rice
Samuel Rice

Colin Richter
Julie Ridder
Eamon Riley
Deven Rodgers
Andrea Rodriguez
Jessica Rooth
Alec Roquena
Lauren Rouse

Joseph Ruffalo
Rachel Ruffalo
Renee Rumas
Kelly Russell
Epifanio Sadural
Gina Saez
Chloe Salisbury
Selena Samardzich

Calvin Sanders
Chloe Sannito
Levi Sasek
Danijela Savic
Jennifer Scherzinger
Paul Schmitt
Cassidy Schwartz
Rebecca Seligman

Tanner Seput
Akash Shah
Priya Shah
Joshua Shalen
Ishani Sharma
Madeline Sharmat
Sarah Sharpe
Nicholas Siano

Fareesa Siddiqui
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Stephen Woods-Malloy
Jeffrey Woodward
Luke Wuchenich

Brandon Yager
Kevin Yurasovich
Joseph Yurek
Leon Zajac
Omnya Zaman
Elaine Zmuda
Courtney Zunica

runs in the family

pros

"Well, me and my older brother were pretty close, so it was mostly pros. He drove me to school and always said 'hi' to me in the halls. He was not only my brother, but he's my best friend, too."
-Niko Ingoglia, freshman

"My pros were that I always knew there was someone in the school that I could go to for anything."
-Anna Kaniewski, sophomore

"I always had someone to relate to with cliques and drama and always had someone to talk to because she was always there."
-Bridget Anderson, sophomore

cons

"I had to wait for his after school activities to be done with and I was responsible for getting him to and from school."
-David Straka, junior

"A con was having to live up to everyone's expectations. Everyone thought you were just like them, so I had to live up to that."
-Sammi Koufos, freshman

"I didn't like having my brother in school because he hit me when we saw each other in the hallway."
-Harry Goldenberg, freshman

seeing each other at home is one thing, seeing each other in the hallway is another; students share the good and the bad about being in school with their siblings

sister sister
Before 5th hour, Cindy Rumas, junior, and Renee Remus, freshman, laugh at an inside joke. Going to school with siblings allowed them to be there for one another. "We had a great relationship," Cindy said. "We were sisters and best friends."

topping charts

with new songs, movies and a new episode of a popular TV show every week, students find an escape route from school by enjoying the current pop culture. survey results express students' opinions about the popular pop culture of 2010 and 2011

movies

	percent
Toy Story 3	17
The Social Network	9
Iron Man 2	2
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse	2
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1	16
Inception	24
Despicable Me	8
Fast Five	9
The King's Speech	2
Black Swan	8
Other	3

275 students surveyed May 11

songs

	percent
Black and Yellow- Wiz Khalifa	12
Born This Way- Lady Gaga	9
E.T.- Katy Perry feat. Kanye West	17
Need You Now- Lady Antebellum	4
Hey, Soul Sister- Train	7
Love the Way You Lie- Eminem feat. Rihanna	8
Teenage Dream- Katy Perry	3
Like a G6- Far East Movement feat. Cataracs	6
Just the Way You Are- Bruno Mars	4
We R Who We R- Ke$ha	8
Other	22

275 students surveyed May 11

tune in
During contact time, Donnovan Castleberry, senior, listens to his iPod with his Beats headphones. Beats headphones became a popular trend among students, along with the popular songs. However, survey results showed that 22 percent of students preferred a different song rather than some of the top ten songs of 2010 and 2011.

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Eric Aidinovich
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Jennifer Allen
Nicolas Alo
Guadalupe Alvarado
Lorena Alvarado

Andrew Alvarez
Bridget Anderson
Ashley Angotti
Selena Arellano-Tirado
Brandon Armagast
Megan Arredondo
Johnathan Arroyo
Jaclyn Ashley

Sevonte Askew
Tyler Athey
Conrad Ault
John Avila
Taylor Bachert
Cody Baker
Aishariya Bandyopadhyay
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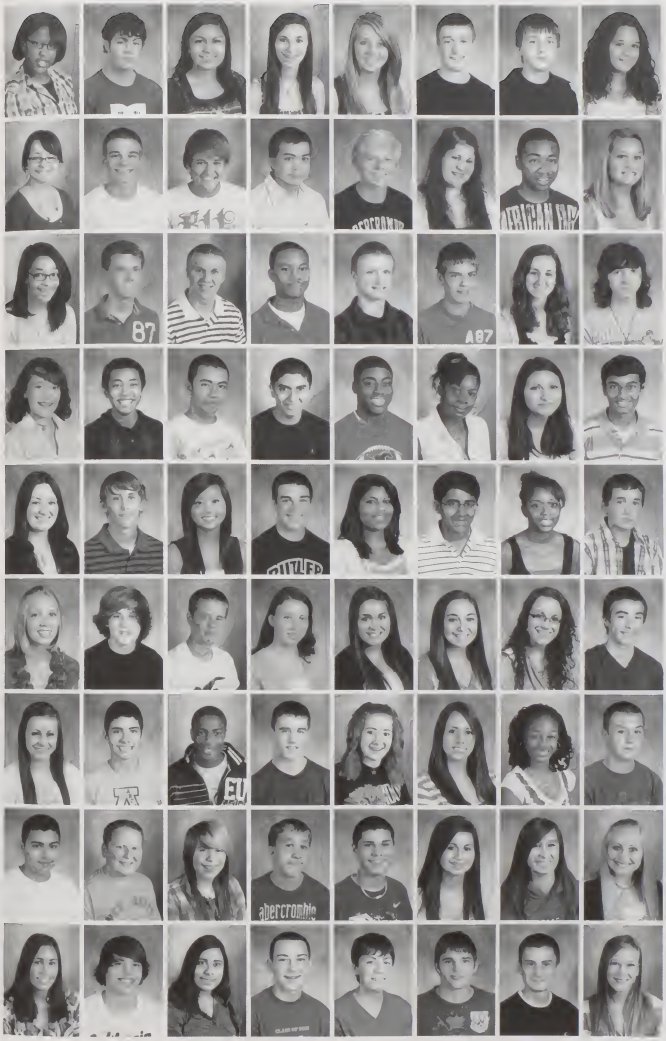

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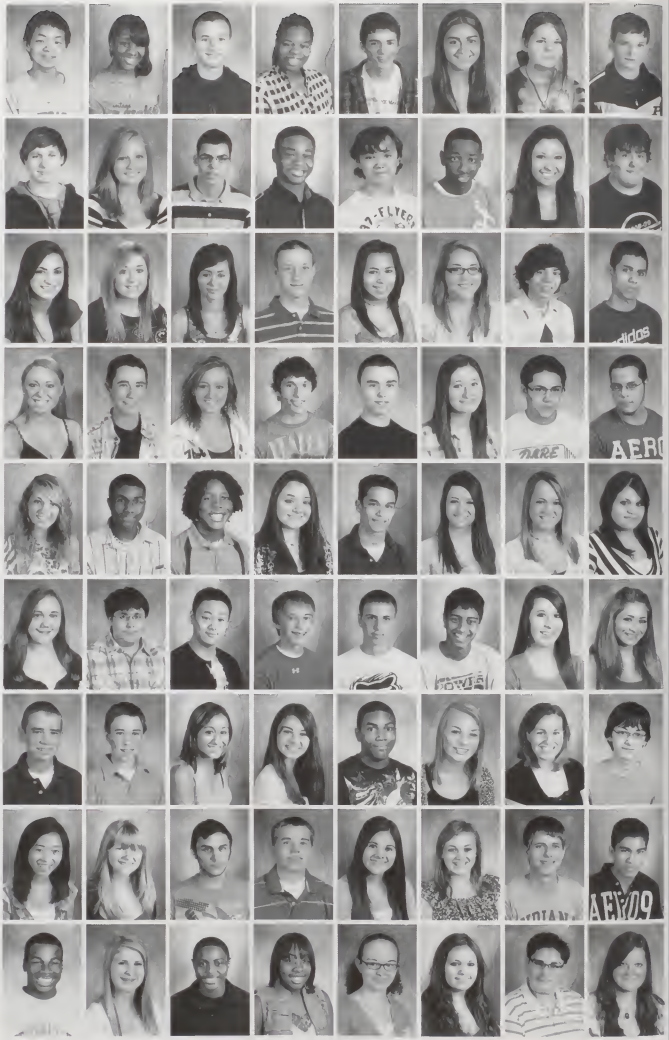

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Shivani Kumar
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jump on the wagon

surrounded by different styles, students face the decision of conforming to the masses or standing out from the crowd. students discuss whether or not they followed popular trends

in style
Sporting a pair of TOMS shoes and a flowery skirt on a warm day, Jennifer Kristoff, sophomore, catches up on homework during 6th hour. "I bought TOMS because I liked the style and they were really comfortable. I usually didn't follow the trends, but I happened to see a pair in Florida during sprink break before I even knew they were in style."

did follow

"I followed the fashion trends because it was worth it to me to spend a little extra time to look cute."

-Manar Odtallah, freshman

"Yes, I thought everyone followed trends whether they thought they did or not. We all got influenced from one another, although some did more then most. Also, I followed trends because that was what most stores kept up with. Even though I followed trends, I definitely put my own twist into what I wore."

-Liana Varjabedian, sophomore

"Clothing wise, I did follow trends. I wore basketball shorts that you know all guys wore and tees with designs on them and stuff. Lots of guys wore Jordans. I also followed trends with some electronics. I really wanted to get some Dre Beats that a lot of people had. Since everyone had these things, it made you want them."

-Bilal Khan, junior

"I would sometimes fall into a trend (I didn't necessarily mean to), but some of my clothes didn't follow the trend. Yet, flare pants, maxi dress, maxi skirts, slouchy tops…yeah, those were trends and that was me."

-Rebecca Bernardi, senior

didn't follow

"I didn't really go by any trends, but I got a power band because I thought it looked cool. Other than that, though, I couldn't care less."

-Joe Kmak, freshman

"No, I didn't really follow trends. I usually just wore whatever I thought was cute, partially because I didn't care and I didn't really want to look like everyone else."

-Katie Gajewski, sophomore

"I didn't follow trends because I tended to appreciate things outside the realm of the mainstream. I was dirty hipster scum, and I was proud…look at my hair flip!"

-Ellen Scoleri, junior

"I wasn't really into trends, so I just wore what I wanted. If I wore what I liked, then I would never go out of style."

-Raphael Stringer, senior

"Usually I didn't. I didn't care what other people had or did. Clothes were different because I wanted to make a good first impression. I wasn't materialistic though. People thought so much of you if they just looked at how you dressed."

-Eashan Kumar, freshman

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Michael Litwiller
Breanna Lopez

Cristina Lopez
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Sarah Mathew
Matthew Mavity
Laurence McCarthy
Sean McCarthy
Cristina McNeiley
Austin Melder
Byron Merlos

staying aware

with something new happening in the world almost every day, current events spark the interests of students and teachers. take this quiz to find out how much you really know about what big events happened during 2010 and 2011

1. What was the magnitude of the earthquake in Japan on March 11, 2011?

a. 4.0
b. 6.0
c. 9.0

2. What day was Osama Bin Laden killed?

a. April 24, 2011
b. May 1, 2011
c. May 8, 2011

3. Where was the Chicago bilizzard of 2011 ranked in the top ten snowstorms in Chicago history?

a. 2nd
b. 3rd
c. 5th

4. What happened in the 2010 November Midterm Elections?

a. Republicans won the House, Democrats kept the Senate
b. Democrats kept the House and the Senate
c. Democrats kept the House and Republicans won the Senate

5. Who won Super Bowl XLV?

a. Packers
b. Bears
c. Steelers

6. When his birth certificate was revealed on April 27, 2011, where was President Obama born?

a. Maui
b. Chicago
c. Honolulu

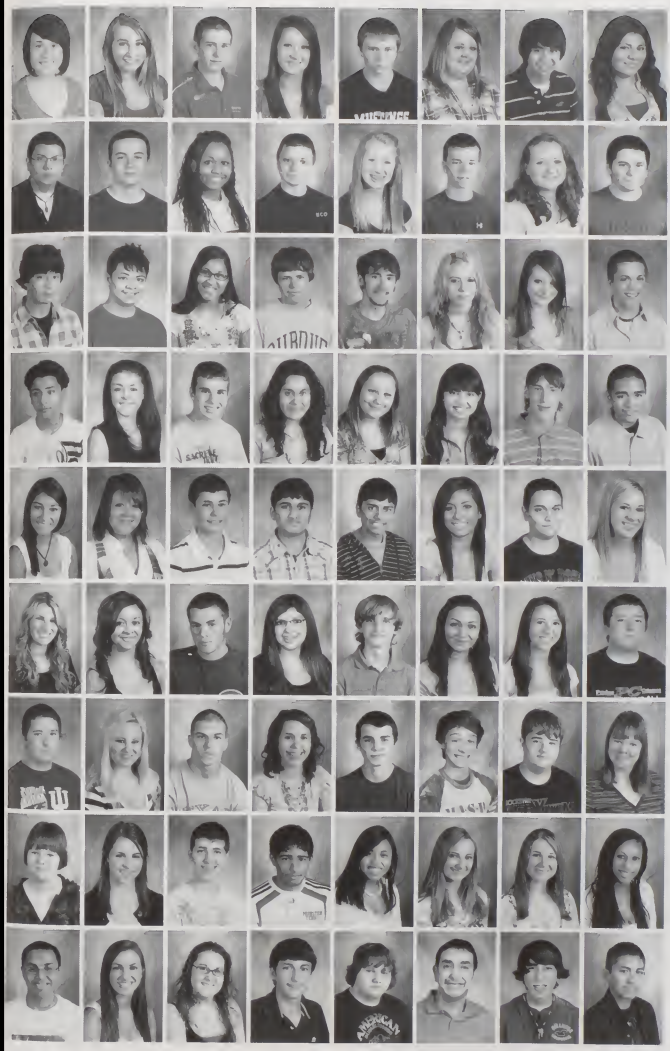
7. How long was Kate Middleton's dress for the Royal Wedding?

a. 20 ft.
b. 8 ft. 8 inches
c. 10 ft. 2 inches

8. What team won the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four Championship?

a. Connecticut
b. Butler
c. Texas A&M

Answers: 1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. c 7. b 8. a



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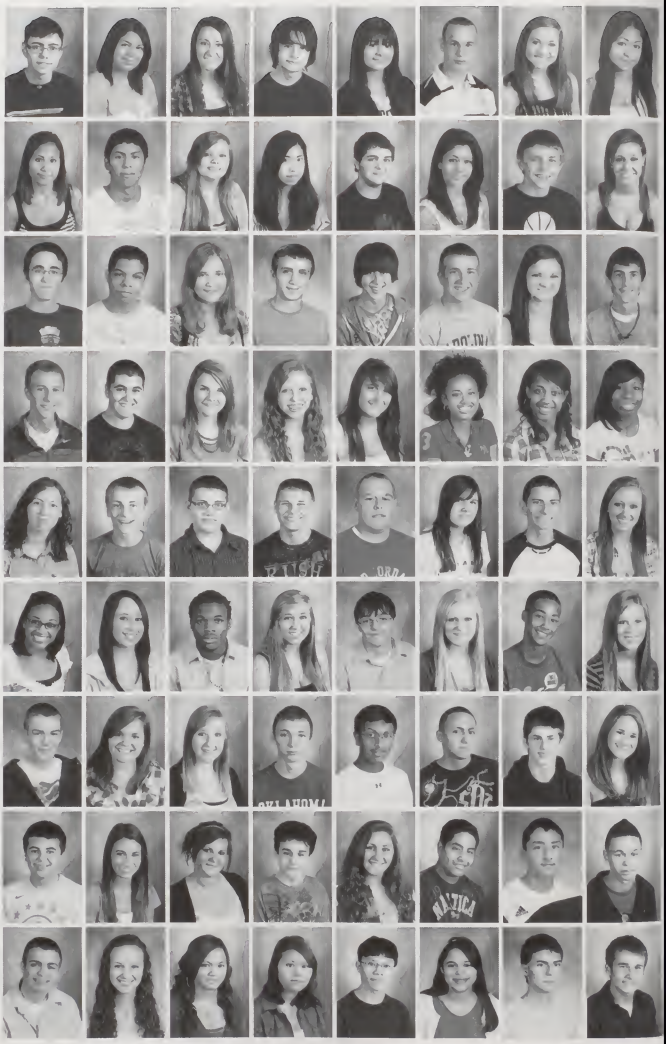

coupled together

whether holding hands or giving each other a quick kiss before class starts, couples roam the hallways everyday. couples give different opinions about relationships and what they mean to each other

Erin McHale, junior & Matthew Krueger, senior

Should the guy always pay?

he said: "Yes, because it was just the guy's job. The girl shouldn't have to pull out her money for anything."

she said: "No. It was okay for guys to pay sometimes, but I thought it should be a 50/50 split. Guys liked to be treated to dinner and a movie, too!"

Should people go on dates before they start dating?

he said: "I didn't think dates were necessary because people hung out, texted, used facebook and did everything like that, so getting to know each other by going on dates wasn't necessary like it used to be."

she said: "Definitley. Dates helped you decide if you were compatible or not. You didn't want to jump into a relationship without really knowing the person."

Maggie Perino & Andrew Alvarez, sophomores

What was the most important thing to have in a relationship?

he said: "The most important thing in a relationship was forgiveness. If two people could forgive each other after any fight, big or small, you could tell that the relationship would be a success."

she said: "I thought the most important thing in a relationship was trust because you had to trust your partner with every decision. Trust that they wouldn't do certain things like cheat and also trust that they were in the relationship 100 percent."

two peas in a pod
Before a vocabulary test in English, juniors Grant Doctor and Chelsey Wallace study together in study hall. "I thought the most important thing to have in a relationship was honesty," Chelsey said. "I told Grant everything and that made us so much closer. The main reason for couples splitting up was because of a lack of honesty."

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dragging weight

slouched over with heavy backpacks, students lug the weight from North to South. some students found it easier to carry all their books than to stop at their lockers during the day

36.5 *pounds*
Colin Henson, junior

39 *pounds*
Logan Foreit, junior

With more demanding classes that came with junior year, many students carried the burdens of notebooks and textbooks to stay prepared for class. On top of that, students found little time to stop at lockers and unload in between classes. "The reason my backpack was so big was because of junior year," Logan said. "Because of that, my father, being a doctor, wanted to make sure that I had a suitable backpack that was stable enough to carry a bunch of books and be comfortable. There was actually a larger size, but it totally engulfed me."

source: weighing backpacks from four random study hall classes May 16, 201

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Lisa Arndt
Adam Arnold

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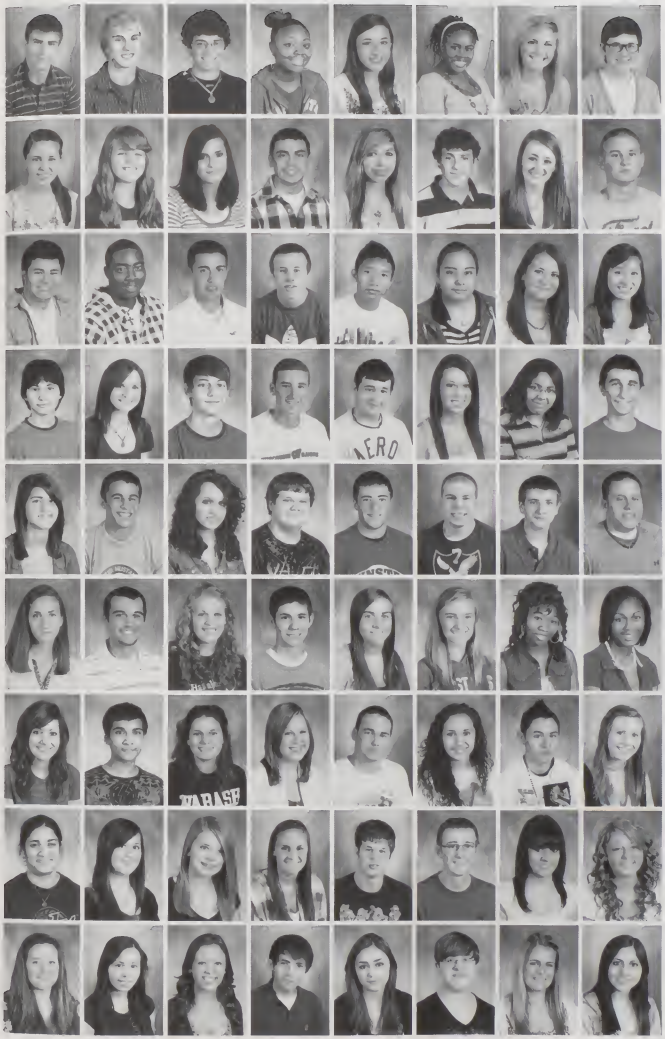

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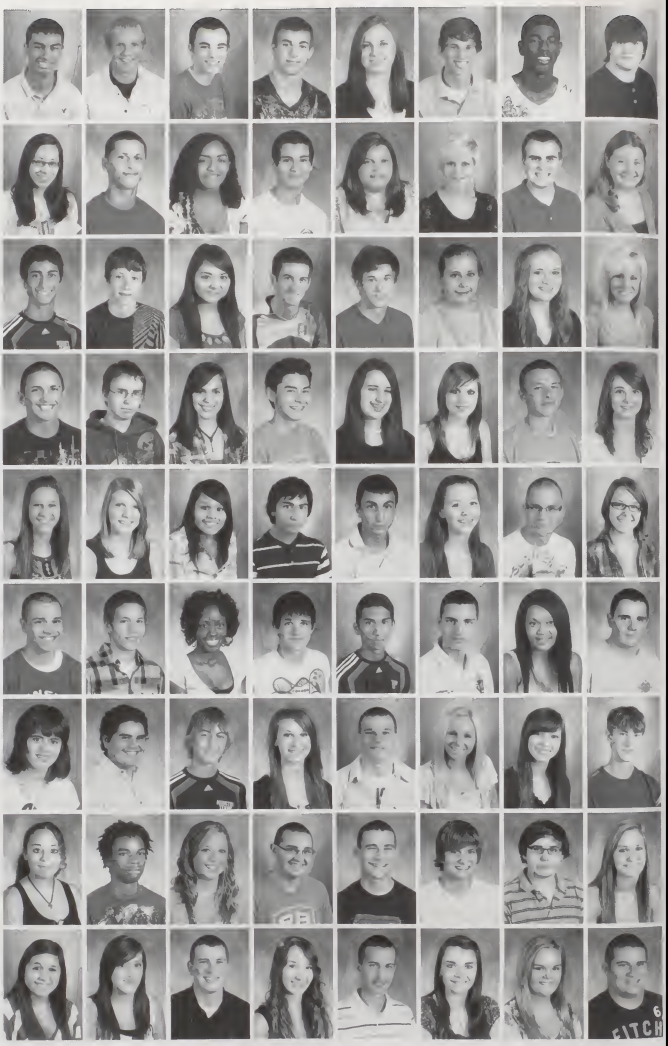

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Kate Lasser
Jack Laszlo

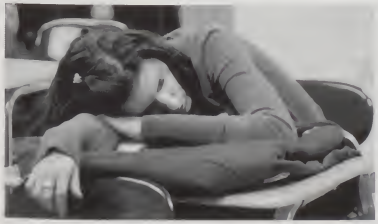
scheduling sleep

between hanging out with friends and trying to study for another math test, while still making sure they finish all of that night's homework, students found it difficult to maintain a healthy sleep pattern

how to stay awake

- Make sure that the room you sleep in is dark.
- Dehydration can lead to fatigue, so stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Don't eat or drink too much before you go to sleep.
- Keep the amount of sleep you get consistent. You can adapt to getting less sleep as long as you keep it consistent.
- As hard as it may be, don't press the snooze button. Just get up when your alarm goes off.
- Eat breakfast even if you aren't hungry.
- Pick foods that are full of fiber like apples with the skin and whole grain spaghetti.

source: webmd.org



nap time
Resting her head on her desk, Sarah Dedelow, junior, takes a nap in class. "I slept in class all the time because I was always tired from late night studying and working hard at track," Sarah said.

sleep deprived

the average student got

5 1/2 *hours of sleep each night*

source: survey of 378 students on May 16, 2011

the amount of sleep students should be getting

9 1/4 *hours of sleep each night*

source: sleepfoundation.org

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taking days off

with trips like We the People Nationals, DECA Internationals, and various other field trips throughout the year, students look at the few days they have off as a break from tests and quizzes

"As a senior, I just had AP tests, so I studied the weekend after we got back from DECA Internationals, but I read ahead in my book for Daugherty's class."

-Aesha Maniar, senior

"I had some of my work done before I left for DECA Internationals. Then I just made up tests in contact time and learned stuff that I missed on the side."

-Nick Laszlo, junior

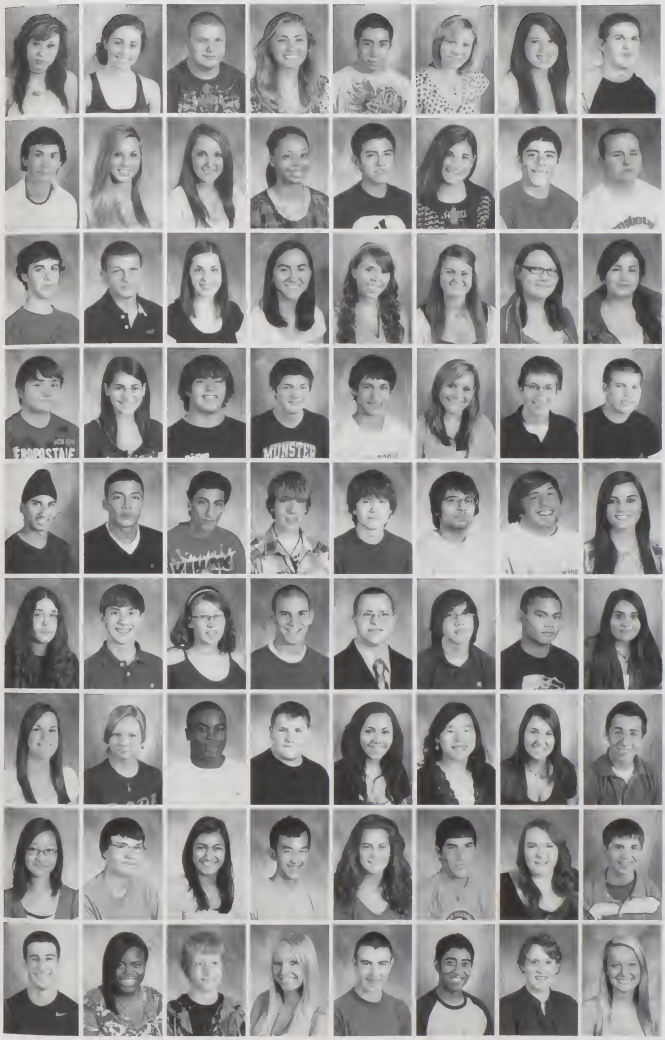
"I finished a lot of the work before I left for We the People, and when I got home, I made sure I devoted all my time to getting everything done."

-Deepa Devanathan, junior

"What was helpful was how Mrs. Premetz (math teacher) had us finish our math before we left for We the People. It was definitely a weight off my shoulders, but it definitely took a while to get back into the swing of things. I just had to put myself back on track, which was hard when you went from 80 degree in DC to cold rainy Midwest.

-Rachel Matrenec, junior

making it up
Taking a test in the hallway, Cassie Eberle, freshman, finishes make-up work from days she missed. "Missing school was hard because trying to deal with the make-up work from the day I missed and the work assigned that day was overwhelming," Cassie said.



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Jorge Medina
Alexandra Meier
Angel Mendoza
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Bryan Novatny
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Jonathan Panos

Bethany Pastrana
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Alison Reba
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Alex Reinsma
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Nicholas Riley

Deana Rios
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Angela Rokosz
Allyson Roller
Joshua Roman
Marija Romic
Michael Roser

Zachary Rowe
Kyle Ruckert
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George Saez
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Avinash Sajnani
Samantha Sakevicius
Joseph Santelli

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Ellen Scoleri
Amber Scott
Matthew Sellberg
Miles Sepiol
Alyssa Sheets

Anna Shehigian
Jacob Siano
Matthew Silaj
Laura Silva
Sarah Simchak
Myles Singleton
Matt Skorupa
Mary Skurka

Christopher Slivka
Samuel Smith
Christopher Speranza
Lindsay Spyrka
Morgan Stahl
Kaylie Starkey
Melissa Stone
David Straka

Garrett Stefanopoulos
Mark Strbjak
Zachary Strbjak
Melissa Strohl
Elisabet Strong
Ida Sund
Oliver Sutter
Daniel Swiatek

Steven Swingler
Brett Szafasz
Hannah Szany
Natalie Tarpo
Christopher Tassaro
Nikola Tatic
Christiann Tavitas
Albert Terpstra

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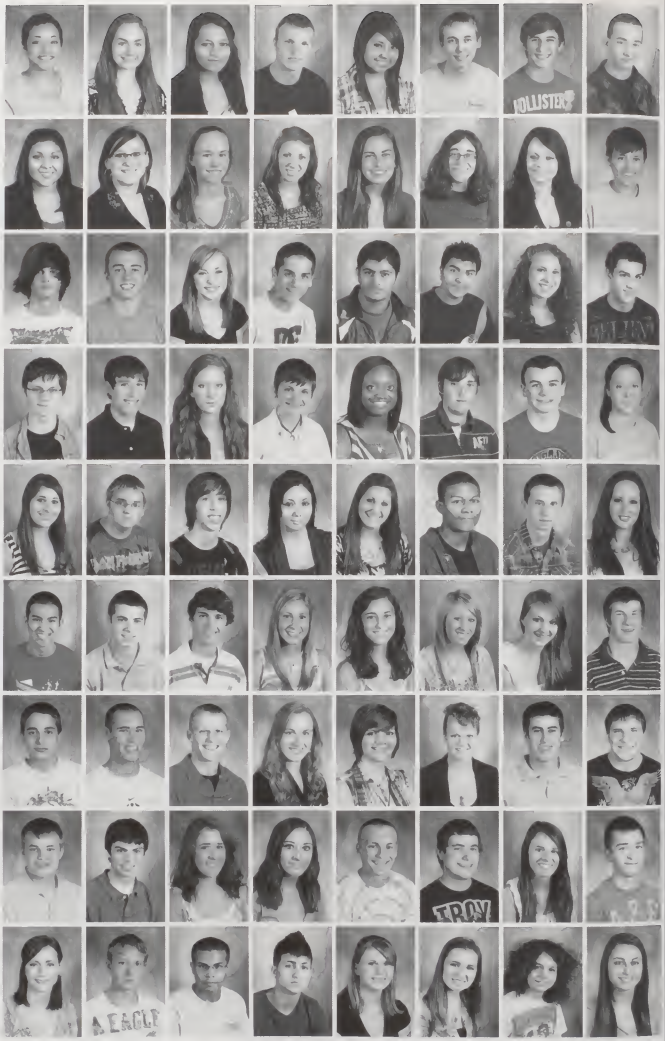


getting the answers

student's definition

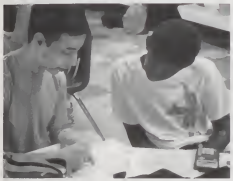
cheat *verb* \chēt\ to get the answers from someone else if you didn't bother looking at it yourself

source: Rathnam Venkat, freshman

teacher's definition

cheat *verb* \chēt\ to take another student's answer in planned, unplanned, acknowledged, or unacknowledged situations and call it your own

source: Miss Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher



homework help
Worksheets spread out across the table, Rathnam Venkat, freshman, gets help on his biology homework during his lunch hour. "I could see why people thought it could be cheating," Rathnam said. "But I thought getting help from your friends was okay if you didn't understand."

pressure to cheat

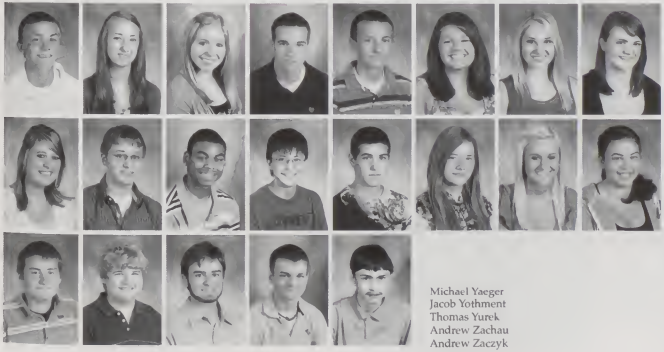
75 percent of students admitted to engaging in cheating

50 percent of students said they don't think copying questions and answers from a test counts as cheating

80 percent of honors and Advance Placement (AP) students cheat on a regular basis

source: A national survey by Rutgers' Management Education Center of 4,500 high school students

with the pressure of doing well in school and trying to balance a social life, students were faced with the decision of whether or not to cheat in order to get their work done



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Brett Ware
Ryan Ware
Taylor Watrobka
Amy Welch
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Jenna White
Kale Wilk
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Timothy Wittkamp
Robert Wojtowich
Amelia Wories
Ellen Wynn
Alexis Wysocki

Michael Yaeger
Jacob Yothment
Thomas Yurek
Andrew Zachau
Andrew Zaczyk

Luke Adams: Football 9-12; French (Pres. 12; Vice Pres. 11)
Samantha Adler: Color Guard 9-12 (captain 10-12); Munster Theatre Company 9-12 (Asst. Stage Manager; Associate Director 12); Academic Team 9-12 (Co- Captain 10-12); DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9, 12; French 9, 12; Band 9; German 12
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Eleni Agelopoulos: Girls' Soccer 9-12; German 9-12; NHS 11-12
Chelsea Aidinovich: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 9,10,12); SADD 11; Project X 9; Spanish 9

Melanie Albano: Girls' Track 10
Elizabeth Almasy
Jonathan Alvarez: NHS 11-12; Speech 9-12; Debate; 9-12; DECA 11-12; Spanish 9-12; German 12; We the People 11; Project X 11-12
Victor Alvarez: Project X 11-12; ASL 12; SADD 11
William Ambry: Football 10-12; Spanish 9

Daniel Artus: Band 9-11; Jazz Band 9-10; Orchestra 9; French 12; German 12; Spanish 12
Shakyla Askew: Girls' Basketball 9; Girls' Track 10-12; Girls' Cross Country 12
Kristin Augustyne: Spanish 9-12; Art 9; SADD 12; Best Buddies 12
Adrienne Ault: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12
Stacey Avtgis: Track 9-12; Girls' Cross Country 9; Speech 10; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12; We the People 11

suffering from senioritis

as their high school career comes to an end, seniors say when senioritis kicked in and affected their mindset

Aug. 19

"I had it all year, and when I decided what school to go to, it started to get worse. There was nothing to do to avoid it. No one was giving hard homework either."
-Kelsey Surma, senior

Jan. 18

"Senioritis really hit me after first semester ended. I had a pretty easy year overall, but it had gotten to the point where I didn't even take my backpack into my house."
-Stephanie Grabarczyk, senior

Mar. 28

"I think senioritis kicked in after spring break. Everyone was thinking about summer, and most people knew where they were going to college. That made it difficult to keep doing homework."
-Olivia Harris, senior

May 9

"When the weather started to get nicer outside was when senioritis started and after I finished my AP tests."
-Brian Stolarz, senior

June 7

book work
Reading comics instead of doing Calculus, seniors Daniel Artus and Sam Morse waste class time. "Senioritis really started getting to me after I knew for sure where I was going to college," Daniel said. Students began to take their classes less seriously and started looking forward to college.

Michael Baggett: Spanish 9-10; Project X 12
Sara Baker: Spanish 11-12; SADD 10-12; Project X 10
Jessica Banaszak: Speech 10-12; Project X 10-11; Munster Theatre Company 10-12; German 12; ASL 11-12 (Secretary 11, Treasurer 12); Spanish 9-12; SADD 10-12; Best Buddies 12; Track 10
David Barrows
Matthew Barsic

Adam Barth: German 9-12; Academic Team 10; DECA 11
Paige Basile
Jake Bateman
Melissa Beary: Spanish 9-11; Project X 9-11
Michael Bednarowski

Kevin Behrens
Brittaney Bermingham
Rebecca Bernardi: Dance Team 9-12 (Captain 12); Spanish 10-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 9; French 10-12
Alyssa Bizoukas: Dance Team 12; Best Buddies 12
Josh Bobeck: German 9-12; Art 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12 (Stage Manager 12); Robotics Club 11-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; IU Honors 11

Heather Boyan: Volleyball 9-12; SADD 9-12; Project X 9 10; French 9-12 (Vice Pres. 11, Pres. 12); Student Government 10; CEC 12
Ja-Don Bradley
Nicole Brand
Kaylee Brandon: Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; ASL 9
Cassandra Brazzle: Softball 9; Project X 11-12; Spanish 11-12

Michael Jeffrey Briette: Boy's Track 10-12; Wrestling 11-12; French 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12)
Josh Brodsky: Football 9-10; DECA 9-12 (Sec. 12); Debate 9-12; Academic Team 12
Kyle Brown: Spanish 9; Project X 12
Ana Victoria Bustalino: Spanish 9-11; Project X 10-12, Best Buddies 12
Amber Callahan: Cheerleading 9-12; Project X 9-11; Spanish 9-11; Best Buddies 12

Ariel Callahan: Project X 9-12; Spanish 9-10; NHS 11-12; DECA 12; Best Buddies 12; Girl's Basketball 9
Marionna Cane: NHS 11-12; Project X 9; French 9 10; Art 9-12 (Vice President 12); Softball 9-12; NHS 11-12
Chris Cantu
Ricardo Carbajal: Football 9; Boys' Basketball 9-12
Emily Carlson: Band 9-12; ASL 9-12 (President 12, Vice Pres. 11), Spanish 10; Auditorium Staff 9-12

Robert William Carlson: Boys' Soccer 9-12; Spanish 9-10
Timothy Carlson
Noel Castro
Jenna Cecil
Antonio Sebastain Ceja: Boys' Soccer 9-12; Spanish 12





Jembo Ceralde
Marelle Cerven: Girl's Soccer 9-11; German 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12
Elenora Chakaborty: Speech/Debate 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; Band 9; Orchestra 10; *Crier* 11; NHS 11-12; CEC 9; Girl's Tennis 9-11
Alexander Chihara
Sumanth Srinivas Chintamani: Robotics 11-12 (Pres 12; Vice Pres. 11)





Gigi Chioros: Spanish 9-11; Cheerleading 9-12; Student Government 11-12; We The People 11
Ara Choi: Art Club 9
Taylor Christianson
Michelle J. Chung: DECA 9-12 (State Vice Pres.); NHS 11-12 (Vice Pres. 12); Orchestra 9-12 (Treas. 12); Academic Team 10-12; Debate 9-12; Project X 9-11; We the People 12; Spanish 9-11; Girls' Tennis 9-10
Alan Cipich: French 9-12; Ensembles 12





Santana Cisneros
Jess Clark: Girls' Soccer 9-12
Kyle Clark: Football 9-10; Boys' Track 9-12; Wrestling 10; DECA 12
Sarah Clusserath: Softball 10-12; Spanish 9-12; French 11-12; CEC 11-12, Best Buddies 12; Snowflurry 11-12
Matthew David Collison: Football 9-12; Boys' Track 10-12; Spanish 10-12; Project X 12





Andrew Compton: Football 11-12
Haley Conger: Ensemble 11; German 12; SADD 9-10; Band 9-11; Color Guard 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Speech 9-12; NHS 11-12
Jordan Cooper: Boys' Soccer 10-12; Wrestling 9-12
Bianca Michelle Cordova: Spanish 9-12; Project X 11-12; Best Buddies 12; SADD 10-12; Art 9
Trevor Corradin: Munster Theatre Company 9-12; NHS 11-12





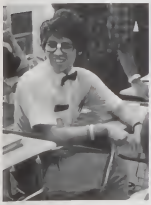
Kaila Corsiglia
Kelsey Crary
Joseph Crisman: Baseball 9; Spanish 9-10; NHS 11-12; Boys' Basketball 9-12 (Captain 12)
John Cristo
Jack Cundiff: Boys' Basketball 9-12

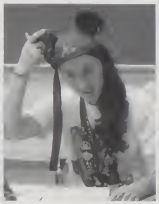




showing spirit

with their own spirit days, seniors stand out from the underclassmen by going all out for their last year to celebrate Homecoming





Monday: Nerd Day

With tape on his glasses, Joe Palma, senior, gets into character by acting like a nerd. "That day was really fun seeing all the seniors dressed up in nerd outfits," Joe said. "It showed how creative we could be using old clothes. I wanted to go all out because it was my last year, and it would be part of my favorite memories of senior year."

Tuesday: Random Costume Day

Dressed up as Scooby Doo, Alyssa Schweitzer, senior, sits in class. "I was looking forward to senior spirit week since freshman year," Alyssa said. "It was cool how everyone had fun with it, unlike the underclassmen. I found the most obnoxious costume and spruced it up with the Bears jersey. "

Wednesday: Awkward Clothing Day

Decked out in Disney clothes, Jessica Banaszak, senior, fixes her Mickey Mouse ears. "I thought that day was fun," Jessica said. "We got to dress totally crazy and get away with it, and really, when would I ever be able to do that again?" On this day, seniors wore anything from oversized clothes to costumes.

Thursday: 80s Workout Day

Jumping for joy, seniors Dillon Thompson and Emily Koufos work out in the Commons. "80s Workout Day was awesome," Dillon said. "It was by far my favorite spirit day. Everyone participated in it, and it gave the whole Senior Class a chance to dress up and look really silly in school."

Friday: Class T-Shirt Day

Hair spiked up and senior shirt on, seniors Sam Strimel and Lauren Starcevich walk to the Pep Rally. "I really dug Harry Potter, so the shirts were awesome," Sam said. "And it definately unified the class. Everyone with the Harry Potter shirt was a senior, and it suited us because we were such a diverse, amazing class just like him."

Kelsey Dal Polo: Softball 9-10; Pub Photographer 11-12
Katie Dankanich: Project X 12
Brett Davis
Caren DeCesaris: German 9-12; ASL 11-12; Best Buddies 12; Project X 9
Jeanette Dedelow

Jennifer Deecken: Art Club 9, Band 9-10,12; Spanish 9-10,12; German 12; ASL 11-12 (Officer 11-12); Munster Theatre Company 9-11; Speech 9-10
Michael Della Rocco
Jani Dominguez: Girls' Swimming 9; Girls' Tennis 10,12, French 9-12; Spanish 11-12; Robotics 10-12 (Sec 10); DECA 12; Art 9,11-12; German 12
Nathan Eagan: Football 9-12 (Capt. 12); Baseball 9-12 (Capt. 12); Boys' Basketball 9; NHS 11-12, All State Football 12
Shawn Ebel

Matthew Echeverria
Daniel Economou
Anadya Edmond: Spanish 9-10; Project X 9-12
Nick Estes
Danny Falloon: Football 9,11-12 (Captain 12); Boys' Golf 9-12 (Captain 11); NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 11-12; DECA 11-12, All State Football 12; All Conference Golf 11; All Conference Football 12

anticipating college

recalling the grueling application process, seniors name the most unusual required essay topics

•Find X
•What's your favorite thing about Wednesdays?
-Teddy Niemiec, senior

•Living wage
-Collen Majszak, senior

•If you could choose to be raised by robots, dinosaurs, or aliens, who would you pick? Why?
-Nikita Kanal, senior

•Losing weight and getting into shape
-Santhosh Narayan, senior

for the asking

Asking Mr. Graves, Chemistry teacher, for a recomendation, Ele Chakraborty, senior, endures the application process. "I applied to two colleges: Purdue and MIT," Ele said. "The longest part was getting teacher recommendations because sometimes they didn't have time, and I had to work around that. Since I only applied to two schools, the rest of it wasn't that time-consuming."

Natalia Fernandez-de-Cordova: Girls' Tennis 9-10; Spanish 9-12; French 11-12; SADD 12; Best Buddies 12; Project 9-10; DECA 12
Jessica Filic
Alexandra Fimbianti: Girls' Basketball 9-12; Volleyball 9-10; Spanish 9
Natalie Fischer: Project X 9,11-12; Spanish 11-12
Larissa Fisher





Davis Flores: Football 10-12; Wrestling 10-12
John Ford: Art 9-10
Vaughn Foreit
Morgan Foster: German 9-12
Eric Frasco: Boys' Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12)





Peter Frystak: Robotics 10-12; Spanish 11
Jourdan Furlong: German 10-12
Brian Galambos
Monica Gandarilla
Omar Garcia: Project X 11-12; Spanish 10; SADD 11





Ryan Gardner: Football 9-12
Gerardo Garibay
Michael Gauthier
Steven Gehrig: Boy's Cross Country 9-12; Boy's Track 9-12; German 9-12
Evan Gentile: Spanish 9; Football 10-11

Tyler German: Spanish 9-11; Girls' Track 10; Dance 11 (Captain); SADD 12; CEC 9-10; Best Buddies 12; Speech/Debate 9
Alexis Ginn: Spanish 9; Project X 9; Speech/Debate 10; SADD 11; Girls' Tennis 9-11
Michael Goldenberg: Diving 9-10; Speech 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 10
Regan Goldsmith
Judith Gonsalves: Girls' Tennis 9; Spanish 11; Girls' Tennis 10-12; Project X 9

Autumn Gonzalez
Benjamin Gonzalez: Spanish 9; Pub photographer 11-12 (Head photog 12)
Brandon Goralczyk: Band 9; Munster Theatre Company 11-12; Robotics 11-12
Elizabeth Gouwens: Girls' Soccer 9; Spanish 9-12; Project X 12; Best Buddies 12
Stephanie Ann Grabarczyk: Softball 9-11; NHS 11-12, Auditorium Staff 9-12; Band 9-12

Sam Grant
Elizabeth Green: German 9-12 (Pres 12); Spanish 11-12
Megan Grogan
Tyler Grunewald: Boys' Track 9-10,12; Band 9-11; French 12
Diego Gutierrez: Spanish 12

Anton Haddad
Ashtyn Hamlin
Douglas Hanenburg
Olivia Harris: Student Govt. 10; CEC 11-12; Spanish 9-10; Best Buddies 12 (Sec. 12); Dance 9-12
Alex Harvey: Robotics 11; Debate 11

Joseph Hemingway: Football Manag. 10-12; Best Buddies 12
Matt Henderson: Boys' Track 9; Football 10; Wrestling 10-12
Andrew Hennig
Sara Hernandez
Alexandra Herrera: Spanish 9-10

Kaitlyn Hobbs: Girls' Soccer 9-12; Track 9-12; *Paragon* (Ed.-in-chief/11); NHS 12; Spanish 9-11; Speech/Debate 11
Becky Holt: Volleyball 9-10, 12 (Manager 12); Best Buddies 12
Brendan Hora
Justin Hott: Boys' Cross Country 9-10; Boys' Track 9; German 11-12
George Howard: Football 9-12; Best Buddies 12





Steven Hulsey: Football 9; ASL 11-12
Molly Imrich: Girls' Golf 9-12 (Captain 12); ASL 9-12; Project X 9; SADD 10; Girls' Basketball Manag. 12
Elisha Jachna: Art 9-12 (Treas. 12); French 9-12; Spanish 11-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 9-12; DECA 12
Jessica Jamicich: Girls' Tennis 9-11
Arika Jeter: Spanish 9-11; Project X 9-12; Speech/Debate 11-12; Best Buddies 12





Lauren Johnson: Volleyball 9; Spanish 9-10; SADD 9-11; Project X 10; ASL 11-12; *Crier* 10
Princess Johnson: Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-12; Art 9; SADD 9; German 12; French 12
Ben Jones: Boys' Basketball 9; Band 9-12
Danielle Jones: Girls' Track 10-12; Spanish 11-12; Speech/Debate 12
Anthony Jurich: Ensembles 9-12; Band 9-11; IU Honors 11; NHS 11-12; Debate 9





Nikita Kanal: NHS 11-12; Girls' Track 9-10; Spanish 9-12; DECA 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-11; French 10; Project X 9-11; SADD 9-12
George Kanavos: Boys' Basketball 9-10; Football 12; Spanish 11
Gina Karabatak
Alexandra Kattan
Nirlep Kaur: Spanish 9-12; ASL 9-12; Band 9-12; German 12; NHS 11-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Academic Team 9; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Debate 9-11; Orchestra 9





Timothy Kearney
Erica Keeler: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 9,12); CEC 9-12; DECA 10-12; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 12; IU Honors 11
Laura Kennedy: Spanish 11; ASL 11
Drew Kerber: Academic Team 11
Tyler Kerrick: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; NHS 12





Max Kilibarda: Boys' Swimming 9-12; Student Govt. 11-12; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; Boys' Golf 11; Boys' Baseball 9; Football 9
Casey King
Kori Kirby: Girls' Soccer 9-12; Softball 9-12; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12
Elaine Klema: Softball 9-12; French 9-12 (Pres. 12); Spanish 10-11; Art 10
Yekaterina Komarouskaya: Art 10-12 (Pres. 12); Spanish 11-12





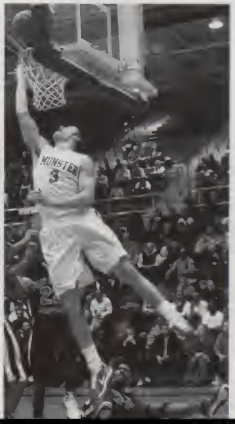
Emily Koufos: Girls' Soccer 9-12; Student Govt. 10-12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 10-12; Hoosier Girls State 12
Olivia Koufos: Girls' Soccer 9-12 (Capt. 12); Student Govt. 9-12 (Sec. 12); Speech/Debate 10-12 (Vice Pres. 12); NHS 11-12 (Treas. 12); Spanish 9-12 (Sec. 11, Vice Pres. 12); Girls' Track 12; SADD 9,12
Andrew Koultourides: Boys' Soccer 9-12; Boys' Track 10,12; Speech 10; Spanish 9-11; German 10,12; DECA 9-12; Student Govt. 9-10; CEC 11,12
Jacob Kowalski: German 11
Stacy Krahn

Henry Kroll
Matt Krueger: Football 9; Boys' Basketball 9-11
Megha Kumar: Debate 9-12, DECA 9-12, Spanish 9-12; Girls' Tennis 9-10; Project X 9-11; SADD 9-10
Shailee Kumar: Cheerleading 9-12 (Capt. 10,12); NHS 11,12; Spanish 9-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 10-12; CEC 10-12; Best Buddies 12; Academic Team 11,12; Speech/Debate 9-11
Luke Kurowski: Boys' Basketball 9-10; Boys' Track 11; Spanish 11; German 9-12 (Pres. 12); NHS 11-12

Michelle Kwolek: Girls' Cross Country 9-12; Girls' Track 9-10
Courtney Lagestee: Girls' Diving 10-12 (Capt. 12)
Ashley Landeros
Adam Larimer
Alexia LaRock-Ilickovich

well-lived **life**

from striving for high academic levels to breaking boundaries with athletics, seniors leave their mark in their own way and stand out



Hannah Leary, senior
•started the club Best Buddies
"I felt like Best Buddies made a lot of impact with kids with special needs. I felt like people were more aware, especially with the R-word. They realized it really could hurt people."

Joe Crisman, senior
•played Varsity Boys' Basketball for three years
• received a full basketball scholarship to Loyola University
"It's a whole different level of basketball I've been waiting a while for. I can't wait to step on the campus."

walk for a cause
In order to bring more awareness to Best Buddies, Hannah Leary, senior, walks with her fellow club members at the Friendship Walk. "The walk went amazing," Hannah said. "It was our first year. The whole purpose was to raise awareness. I cried when I saw everyone from the community coming together."

dunk it
Scoring a point for the Mustangs, Joe Crisman, senior, leads the team to victory against East Chicago Central (44-41).

reaching goals

from sky diving to raising grades, seniors set goals for themselves before graduating high school. as they achieved each one, they checked it off their bucket lists

in it to win it
Taking a break in between rounds, Shawn Tuttle, senior, waits outside a classroom for his next debate at the Munster meet. "Winning Districts and going to Nationals was a goal for me over the past four years," Shawn said. "Also, winning State was just a really nice way to end senior year."

- ✓ go camping -Jenny Deecken, senior
- ✓ place top 10 at diving State -Courtney Lagestee, senior
- ✓ finish Eagle Project -Niral Shah, senior
- ✓ win debate Districts -Shawn Tuttle, senior
- ✓ earn straight A's -Emily Carlson, senior
- ✓ overcome fear of roller coasters -Megha Kumar, senior
- ✓ get driver's license -Mike Bednarowski, senior
- ✓ get into Michigan University -Aesha Maniar, senior
- ✓ make DECA internationals -Sumanth Chintamani, senior
- ✓ go to Prom -Kristin Augustyne, senior
- ✓ win an art award -Andjela Radmilovic, senior
- ✓ graduate with Academic Honors -Steve Losineicki, senior

Jeff Lawler: Boys' Golf 9; Boys' Basketball 9-10; Boys' Soccer 9-12
Hannah Leary: Volleyball 9; Spanish 9-10; Project X 10-11; Best Buddies 12 (Pres. 12)
Steve LeBeau: Wrestling 11-12
Kevin Lee: Football 9-12
Michael Leuser





Elizabeth Lewandowski: Band 9-12; Volleyball 9; Spanish 9-10; CEC 10,12 (Sec. 10)
Sean Liesenfelt: Football 10
Christine Lissy
Alexandra Lodewyck: DECA 11-12; SADD 11-12 (Pres. 12); Munster Theatre Company 10; Ensemble 10; ASL 11
Erin Lomeli: Speech 9-10; Debate 9-10, Ensemble 9-10; SADD 9





Collin Lopez
Steven Losiniecki: Football 9-12; Project X 9; DECA 10, 12
Cortney Lowry: Spanish 9-11
Milena Lukic: Art 9-10; Orchestra 9-12
Mitch Lyness





Kayla Macadlo
Tiffany Madura: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12); Project X 9-10; ASL 11-12
Colleen Majszak: Art 9; Speech 10-12
Amber Maldonado: Spanish 9-11; Diving 9; German 10-12
Aesha Manian: Girls' Tennis 9-10; Girls' Track 12; Spanish 9-11; DECA 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12); Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12; We the People 11; Academic Team 10-12; Debate 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; National Merit Commended

Kaitlin Mann
Tamara Marcetic: Girls' Swimming; Girls' Tennis 9; French 10-11
Chandler Marcus
Joshua Martin: Swimming 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11
Michael Mavity: Spanish 9-12 (Vice Pres. 11, Pres. 12); Orchestra 9-12; Project X 10-12; DECA 11-12; Academic Team 9,12; NHS 11-12; Football 9

Erin McCarthy: Softball 9-12; Spanish 9-12; French 11-12; ASL 11; NHS 11-12; SADD 11-12; Best Buddies 12
Bridget McCullough: Munster Theatre Company 9-12 (Stage Manager 12, Asst. Stage Manager 11, Asst. House Manager 10); Project X 9-10,12; SADD 9,12; German 9-12; Spanish 9-10; ASL 11-12; Best Buddies 12; Orchestra 9-12
Emily McCullough: Softball 9-12; German 9-10, ASL 11-12
Michael McKechnie: Football 9-10
Larkin McKenzie

Evan McShane
Aurelio Medina: Wrestling 9-12
Mark Megremis: NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-12; Speech 12; German 9; Academic Team 9
Drew Mendez: Band 9-12 (Drum Major 10-12); Orchestra 10-11; NHS 11-12
Brianna Meyer: Debate 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; We the People 11; National Merit Finalist 12

Kyle Miller: Football 9-12
Brenda Mintz: German 9; Orchestra 9-12; Ensemble 10-12; Theatre 9-12;
Patrick Moffitt
Ahmad Mohammed
Tara Mojtahed: Girls' Tennis 9; Spanish 9-12; DECA 9-12 (VP Corporate Level); Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12; We the People 11; Academic Team 10-12; National Merit Commended; Debate 9-12

Jessica Monjaras: NHS 11 12, Project X 9-12; Art 9-12 (Sec. 12); Spanish 11-12; French 11-12; Ensemble 11; DECA 12
Jonathan Moreno
Samantha Morse: Band 9, Orchestra 10; Band 9-10; Project X 10; Speech 9,11-12
Jeremy Mudro: French 9 12
Kyle Mundy: Project X 9-10; French 9,11-12; Art 11-12; Munster Theatre Company 10

Kyle Murad: Football 10-12; SADD 11-12
Tyler Musgrove: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12
Ayat Musleh
Rachel Nelson: Spanish 9-12; SADD 11-12; Project X 9-12; Best Buddies 12; Cheerleading 9-12; DECA 10-12; ASL 11
Jon Newcomb: Spanish 9,11-12; Project X 9-12; Best Buddies 12





Spencer Newell: Theatre 9-10; Boys' Track 10-12 (Captain 12); NHS 11-12; We the People 11; DECA 12
Teddy Niemiec: Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Speech 9-10; SADD 10; French 10; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 11-12; Boys' Tennis 12
James Nolan: Spanish 9-12; Project X 10-12 (Treas. 12); Academic Team 11-12; NHS 11-12
Kate Novak: Softball 9-10; Spanish 9-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 11-12,
Megan Nowaczyk: Dance 9-12 (Capt. 12); CEC 9-11; Student Govt. 12; DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12 (Pres. 12); IU Honors 10





Nina Ogrizovich: Girls' Soccer 9-12 (Capt.12); Girls' Basketball 9-11; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 9-12 (Sec. 12); Spanish 9-12; French 11; Best Buddies 12; IU Honors 11
Walter Olgy: Football 9-10; German 9-12
Yasemin Oner
Bryan Ong: Band 9-12; Project X 9-10; SADD 9-10; German 9-10; Band 12; Robotics Club 11-12
Kristin Opperman: Ensemble 9-11; German 10-12





Michael Ortiz: Football 9-12; Boys' Track 12
Jake Osterman: Football 9, 12; Boys' Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-11
Jenna Marie Pagane: Girls' Soccer 9-12; Girls' Basketball 9-12; Girls' Track 9
Cassandra Pakan
Joe Palma: Project X 11-12; French 9-12 (Sec. 11), Boys' Track 9, SADD 11





Dimitri Panos: Boys' Football 9-12; Spanish 10
Anastasia Papadatos: Auditorium Staff 9-12 (Asst. House Manager 10, House Manager 11-12); Color Guard 10-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Speech 10
Kyle Papesh
Jay Patel
Matthew Paunicka





Gleb Pavlov
Garrett Peck
Nicole Perez: Spanish 9; Girls' Tennis 9-11; Project X 9, 12; SADD 9; Best Buddies 12; Ensembles 9-10
Ashley Marie Pickett: French 9-12 (Pres. 12); ASL 10-12; Project X 10; SADD 9-12; NHS 11-12
Elaine Pitsas: Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 12); Spanish 9-10; Project X 11; SADD 12





surviving school

seniors share what they learned from their time in high school to help the underclassmen

1. Find a niche where you belong and don't be afraid to make new friends.

2. Find time for you between all the extra-curriculars and school work.

-Haley Conger, senior

3. Join extracurricular activities, so you feel involved with the school, and it's not a burden.

4. Stay on top of things academically, and seek help if you need extra help.

-Fengyee Zhou, senior

5. Don't use Facebook too much, it wastes a lot of time.

-Chris Chyung, senior

6. Always do your homework!

-Chandani Bhatt, senior

partner up
Dissecting crayfish, seniors Shelby Sarnowski and Chrissy Lissy work on a zoology lab. Keeping up with school work was an important part of surviving high school. Grades affected the students future and admittance into college.

Brooks Platt: Boys' Cross Country 9-12; Boys' Baseball 9; Boys' Track 10-11; NHS 11-12
Kaitlyn Plewniak: Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12; Ping Pong 10-12; NHS 11-12
Alex Poerio
Ryan Andrew Pohrte: Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Speech/Debate 12, Auditorium Staff 9-12
Michael Potts

Alexander Priesol
Samantha Nicole Puente
Julie Ann Puvogel: Softball 9-11; Girls' Basketball 9-10, Girls' Cross Country 12; Girls' Track 12; Band 9-11; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-12; Project X 11
Andjela Radmilovic: Girls' Soccer 9-11; Girls' Tennis 9, 11-12; Academic Team 9-12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12; Speech 10
Sharifullah Rahmany: French 9-12

Isabella Ramirez: DECA 9-12; Academic Team 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-12
Thomas Ramirez: Boys' Tennis 10
Mursal Rashid
Joel Ratajack
Andy Rausch

getting informed

treating each other with respect became an issue in school, student government and administration work towards increasing respect

Taking results from the School Climate Survey, students tried to deal with the issue of respect within the school. The survey showed that nearly 32 percent of students believed that students did not treat each other with respect.

The three "red flags" that administration wanted to work on included respect between students, respect from students to teachers and students having a sense of belonging in the school, according to Mr. Mike Wells, assistant principal.

Student Government came up with many ideas to increase respect within the school, including motivational speakers, assemblies and posters.

- Nearly two out of five students experience bullying a day on school property.
- Nearly three out of 10 students are involved in bullying a day.
- Each day 160,000 students miss school for fear of being bullied.
- 43 percent fear harassment in the bathroom at school.
- 77 percent of students said they have been bullied on school grounds
- Statistics show that half of bullying incidents go unreported.
- Harassment and bullying have been linked to 75 percent of school shooting incidents.

source: bullyingstatistics.blogspot.com

Jordan Raynor: Baseball 9-12; DECA 11; German 12
Aubrey Reno: Project X 9-10; SADD 9-11; Girls' Tennis 10; Spanish 9-11; French 11
Mikey Resler: French 10
Matthew Rhoda: Football 9-10; Wrestling 9-12
Emilie Riggs: Auditorium Staff 9-12; (Asst. House mang. 10, House Mang. 11,12); Spanish 9,10; SADD 10-12; ASL 10-12 (sec. 12)





Gabriella Roque: Girls' Basketball 9-11; Girls' Soccer 9-12; SADD 12
Ruben Jared Roque: Band 9-11; Boys' Tennis 12
Evan Rowley
Anthony Rubino: Golf 9-12
Dominic Ruffalo





Logan Ruiz
Samantha Salzeider: Volleyball 9-10, 12 (Capt. 12); Spanish 11-12; Best Buddies 12; SADD 11-12
Gabrielle Sapyta: German 9; Girls' Basketball 9; Girls' Soccer 9-12
Shelby Sarnowski: Volleyball 9-10; Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-11; Best Buddies 12
Samuel Schlesinger: Spanish 9-11; Boys' Track 9,11-12





Kaylin Schmidt
Jake Schnick: Project X 9
Emily Scholtz: Girls' Swimming 9-11; Spanish 9-12; German 12; ASL 11-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12
Elana Schwartz: Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-11; Girls' Track 10, 12; Best Buddies 12

Alyssa Schweitzer: Volleyball 9; Girls' Basketball 10; Softball 9-12; ASL 11; German 9-10

Jack Seaman
Alexander Serrano
Minica Shah: Debate 9; Spanish 9; Munster Theatre Company 9,12; Girls' Track 10; Art 9-10, 12; Robotics 11-12; German 12; French 12
Niral Shah: Speech 9-12; Robotics 11-12; Project X 9-10; French 9-12, Art 9-12; NHS 12
Jacob Shalen

Nathan Sharmat
Sam Shields: Baseball 9-10; German 9-10
Rachel Shmagranoff: Girls' Soccer 9-12; Softball 9-12; French 9-12
Ryan Shreibak: DECA10-12; Tennis 12; SADD 11-12
Shannon Nicole Shreibak: SADD 9-12; Softball 9-11; Project X 9-10; DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-11

Rachel Sieruga
Timothy Slifko
Jacob Smith: Football 9-12; Boys' Soccer 9-12, Boys' Swimming 9; German 9-12; DECA 12; Robotics 12; NHS 11-12
Kayla Smith: Cheerleading 9-12; Spanish 9-10; Project X 10-11
Luke D. Smith: Wrestling 9-12

Ashlyn Soy: Cheerleading 11
Brandon Sparks: Golf 9-12; German 9-12; DECA 11; Speech/Debate 11; NHS 11-12
Kyela Renee Specht: Girls' Cross Country 9-12 (Capt. 12); Girls' Track 9-12; Spanish 9-11; NHS 11-12
Paige Spinks: Volleyball 9-12 (Capt. 12); Project X 9-12; SADD 11-12; Spanish 9-11; Best Buddies 12
Ashley Spitz: Softball 9; Best Buddies 12; Band 9-11; ASL 12

Lauren Starcevich
Adam Stepanovic: Debate 9-12; DECA 10-12; Boys' Tennis 12; Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-10; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 9-12; We the People 11; Speech 9
John-Paul Derek Stephens: Band 9-11; Spanish 9-11; DECA 10-12; Boys' Tennis 12
Miriam Stock: Speech 9; ASL 11-12; NHS 11-12; Cheerleading 10-12
Brian Stolarz: CEC (Vice Pres. 9-12); Boys' Basketball 9-12 (Capt. 11-12); Spanish 9-10, SADD 9 10, NHS 11-12

Anthony Storino
Michael Storino: Spanish 9
Samantha Strimel
Raphael Stringer: Boys' Basketball 11-12
Kelsey Surma: Spanish 9-10; Project X 9-10





Stephen Swibes
Michael Swift: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9; ASL 11
Anthony Syler
Evan Sylvester: Baseball 9-12; German 9-12; SADD 12; Boys' Basketball 9
Karly Elizabeth Taylor: Spanish 9; ASL 11; Girls' Diving 10-12 (Capt. 11-12); Best Buddies 12





Katie Taylor: Cheerleading 9; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 12; Speech 9-12; Girls' Diving 10; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Ensembles 12; Project X 9
Joshua Thomas
Dillon Thompson: Boys' Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 12); NHS 11-12; German 9-12; Student Govt. 9
Jelena Todorovic: CEC 9; Spanish 9-12; DECA 11-12; Project X 9-12;
Rogelio Torres





Kaelyn Leigh Toth: Softball 9-12; Girls' Cross Country 12; CEC 9-12; Project X 9-12; Girls' Basketball 9-10; Spanish 9-12; German 12; NHS 11-12; IU Honors 11
Kristina Traxler: Volleyball 9-11; Girls' Track 11-12; Spanish 9-11; SADD 11-12; Best Buddies 12
Natalie Tribou
Nathan Tribou
David Trykall: Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 10-11, Academic Team 9-12; Envirothon 9; We the People 12; Robotics 11-12





Shawn Tuttle: Speech/Debate 9-12 (Vice Pres. 11, State Champ 12); *Crier* 10; German 9-11; Theatre Company 9-10; ASL 11; NHS 11-12; Principal's Advisory 10-12; CEC 9; DECA 12
Michael Tzolov: Boys' Tennis 10-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12
Katherine Van Deursen: Girls' Tennis 9, Girls' Track 10-11, Girls' Cross Country 11, Spanish 10-11
Gilbert Vasquez
Lauren Vasquez: Ensembles 9,10; Munster Theatre Company 9





Calvin Vick: Debate 10-12 (Capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Academic Team 11,12; National Merit Semifinalist 12
Michael W. Vitkus: Football 9-12; Boys' Baseball 9-12
Catherine Vlahos: Band 9-12
Carter Vusak
Jonathan H. Wachala: Speech/Debate 10-12 (Pres. 12); Munster Theater Company 9-12 (Vice Pres. 11, Pres. 12); IU Honors 12; Boys' Soccer 9-12; Boys' Track 10-11; NHS 11-12 (Sec 12); Ensembles 9-12; Spanish 9-12





planning the future

Navy
- Cassandra Brazzle
- Jembo Ceralde
- Brett Davis

Marines
- Jeff Alvarez
- Tony Rubino
- Michael Swift

Army
- Josh Thomas

Airforce
- Thomas Ramirez

9 seniors received money for collegiate athletics

68 seniors attended college out of state

199 seniors attended college in Indiana, staying in state

source: 267 returned future plans sheets

some students choose to serve in Military positions for their country while others plan to attend college





Elizabeth Grace Wadas: Volleyball 9-11; Girls' Cross Country 12, Student Govt. 9-12 (pres. 12), Speech 9-12; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12
Christopher Wadlow: Speech/Debate 9,10; Spanish 9-11; Project X 9-12; NHS 11,12
Hannah Wagner: Band 9-12, NHS 11,12; Orchestra 9-12,Theatre 9-12, German (Pres 12); ASL 10-12; Speech/Debate 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-12; African Drumming 10
Jennifer Walton: Girls' Basketball 9-12
Kyle Wargo: Football 9-12 (Capt. 12); Baseball 9-10,12;





Brandon Weinberg: Project X 9-12 (Pres.12); Spanish 9-12; Boys' Soccer 10-12; NHS 11-12; Boys' Track 10,12; DECA 12
Nicole Wujcik: Project X 9-12; Spanish 9-10
Christopher Yothment: Debate 9-12; German 9-10; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; We the People 12; Band 9-12; Ensemble 12
Christian Young: Boys' Basketball 9-12; Boys' Track 9-10
Angelique Zadrozny: Softball 9-12





Steven G. Zahariadis: Project X 9-12; Spanish 9-12, NHS 11-12
Stephan Zajac: French 9-12; Academic Team 10-12 (Capt 10-11); ASL 9-10; NHS 11 12, Munster Theatre Company 11; National Merit Co-mended
Evan Zarowny
Nathan Zembala: Art 9-11
Fengyee Zhou: Academic Team 9-12; DECA 10-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11; Spanish 9-11


Joshua Zimbrich
Brandon Eugene Zoppetti: Boys' Baseball 9-11

passing the time

even though students see teachers as merely people who assign homework and give tests, teachers have hobbies outside of school, ranging from bee-keeping to biking

"I was a gearhead. I was into cars and bikes. I had a couple of motorcycles. That was what I liked to spend my time and money on. I had always been into fixing old cars and making things work."

-Mr. Joseph Sokol

"My wife and I loved movies. I loved getting out on Fridays and going to the movies where I could forget everything during the week and have a start to a hopefully good weekend."

-Mr. David Russell

"I used to mountain bike even though there were no mountains, and I also used to play guitar. All I do now is grade."

-Mr. Kevin Clyne

"I liked to work on my cars, automotives, things around the house. I liked to tinker with things."

-Mr. Thomas Barnes

"I was a bee keeper. I just took up scuba diving, and I loved movies. I also had two dogs and four cats. For the bees, I checked on them once or twice a month. I harvested the honey in September, and it took one day."

-Miss Catherine Mazeikas

"I liked to exercise and play golf in several different locations. Anywhere that didn't cost a lot of money. I also liked to work around the house, home improvement stuff."

-Mr. Kent Lewis

give it a toss

Nerf ball in hand, Mr. Kevin Clyne, English teacher, uses his unique method of calling on students while grading a worksheet. Mr. Clyne also plays catch with other teachers and students in the hallway in between classes. "I did it because of boredom," Mr. Clyne said. "You sat all day, and you have to get up and move around. We were standing out there talking, so we just threw a ball around. I sat on an exercise ball during class, too. Teaching made you sit a long time and it led to being fat."

Mrs. Kay Arkfeld: Westlake Aide
Miss Jessica Barker: Math
Dr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director, Munster Theatre Company, Drama Director
Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide
Mr. Brian Clark: Dean

Mrs. Julie Clayton: Westlake Aide
Mr. Kevin Clyne: English
Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics
Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: English, Debate Coach
Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Lifesaving

Mrs. Dettlo: Spanish
Mr. John Doherty: Athletic Trainer
Mrs. Michelle Duffy: English, Girls' Cross Country Coach, Head Girls' Track Coach
Mr. Carl Fields: Art
Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor

Mr. Don Fortner: Economics, Social Studies Dept. Chair, Speech and Debate Coach
Mr. Franklin: Science Dept. Chair
Ms. Brandyn Fredericks:
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish
Mrs. Beth Gibbs: Student Services

Ms. Rebecca Giffen: Science
Mr. Mike Gordon: Government, We the People
Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
Ms. Jacqueline Guitierrez: Science
Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Mrs. Katie Harris: Math, Freshman Class sponsor
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry
Mr. Joshua Herold: History, Freshmen Football Coach
Mrs. Rebecca Hoyle: Journalism, Media Arts, *Paragon, Crier,* Quill and Scroll
Mr. Bojan Jovanovic: Social Studies, JV Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Matt Kalwasinski: Social Studies, Freshmen Football Coach
Mrs. Deb Kelley: Principal's Secretary
Mrs. Anne Kinser: Auditorium Secretary
Mrs. Charlene Kuhn: Noneducational Aide
Ms. Kathleen LaPorte: Family Consumer Science, Project X

Mrs. Brooke Lemon: English
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English
Mrs. Marcia Levan: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Elena Lopez: Art, Art Club
Ms. Rosie Malagon: Spanish, Spanish Club

Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education
Mr. Leroy Marsh:
Ms. Twila Marsh: Media Specialist, Student Government
Mrs. Margaret Matanic: English
Mr. Jordan Mayer: English, Speech Coach

Mrs. Penny Mayer:
Ms. Catherine Mazeikas: Science
Mr. James McNabney: English
Mrs. Eileen Meier: German, German Club
Mrs. Carol Moloney: Science

Mrs. Teresa Needles: Westlake Special Education
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Secretary
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan: Science, Girls' Basketball Coach, Student Government
Mr. Morgan Nolan: Social Studies, Asst. Football Coach, Asst. Swim Coach, We the People
Mrs. Kim Peirick: Business, DECA

Mr. Glen Percifield: English, Debate Coach
Mrs. Pat Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Math Dept. Chair
Mrs. Alyssa Rodriguez: Math
Mr. David Russell: English Dept. Chair, Creative Writing
Ms. Amanda Rynard: Spanish

Mrs. Melanie Sheeringa: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Georgia Sherman: Athletic Office Secretary
Mr. Richard Sluder: Social Studies, Varsity Girls' Track Coach, Asst. Boys' Cross Country Coach
Mr. Mike Smith: Athletic Director
Mr. Bob Snyder: Assistant Dean

Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Freshman Class sponsor
Ms. Kristen Szafasz: Social Studies
Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: AV Aide
Mrs. Chrisanne Terry: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Beth Thornburg: Math, Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, Junior Class sponsor

goes without saying

"And now you know."
-Ms. Kelly Haussman

"Does that make sense?"
-Mr. Larry Hautzinger

"No soy un diccionario."
-Mr. Paul LaReau

"Stifle!"
-Mr. Jeffrey Graves

"Hoy es miercoles."
-Mr. David Franklin

"Arete."
-Mr. Michael Gordon

"Don't be a hero."
-Mr. Christopher Tomcsi

"At any rate..."
-Mrs. Tammy Daugherty

"Oh my word!"
-Mrs. Cara Terpstra

"Come quiz or test time."
-Mr. Joseph Sokol

"Don't lose it."
-Mr. Bret Winternheimer

"It's for the good of the orchestra."
-Mrs. Jill Cooke

"No cheating."
-Mr. Jonas Wertin

"When in doubt, graph it out."
-Ms. Lisa Homer

"Friday Eve."
-Mrs. Patricia Premetz

"History is made everyday."
-Mr. Steven Lopez

"For your quizzypoo tomorrow..."
-Mr. Michael Coil

having to teach maximum five classes a day, teachers find themselves repeating familiar phrases to their students

small talk
Sitting in a circle in English, Mr. Jonas Wertin, English teacher, and Nick Brajak, junior, discuss *Catcher in the Rye*. "We were having a group discussion, and the students kept moving the desk, and making me uncomfortable," Nick said. "It was a way to wind down during the end of the year and just enjoy the book."

Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Principal
Ms. Sharon Vail: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Dusan Vidovic: Math
Ms. Angela Wayne: Social Studies
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: English

Ms. Jennifer Wisser: Guidance
Mr. Bill Woods: Vocal Music Director, Musical Music Director
Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Math, Computer Programming

describe Munster in **one** word.

close- Nick Milkovich, sophomore
unique- Avirash Sajnani, junior
entertaining- Jackie Dempsey, junior
tradition- Ethan Flahaven, junior
pride- Kate Lasser, junior
conformity- Catie Marini, junior
good- Amelia Worries, junior
complicated- Megan Ford, junior
silly- Mary Skurka, junior
boisterous- Nick Riley, junior
appalling- Mine Dafiaghor, freshman
average- Kate DeGeorge, junior
wealthy - Octavian Willicana, 11
ridiculous- Ela Brooks, junior
political- Joe Pierson, junior
sporty- Manar Odtallah, freshman
life- Mike McKechine, senior
worthwhile- Joeseph Palma, senior
confusing- Tom Heitz, junior
uneventful- Molly Giacomuzzi, junior
memorable- Victor Alvarez, senior
strict- Lauren Edmond, junior
challenge- Daniel Torres, freshman
superb- Brett Davis, senior
mundane- Evan Rouse, sophomore
great- Justin Rios, sophomore
over-achievers- Nicole Plewniak, sophomore
preppy- Annilee Taylor, freshman
upscale- Maria Karamichos, freshman
dandy- Jonathan Alvarez, senior
surprising- John Panos, junior
fancy- Luke Wuchenich, freshman
weird- Wille Christenson, junior
better- Bess Fary, freshman
conceited- Allison Mudro, freshman
life- Sam Shields, senior
one-of-a-kind- Emily Kaniewski, freshman
nurturing- Josh Shalen, freshman
helpful- Alyssa Bizoukas, senior
intellectual- Jenni Hlebasko, junior
fake- Amber Maldonado, senior
high school- Nick Powell, freshman

ryan pohrte

Way to go, Rhino! We're so proud of you. Good luck at Manchester and in all your future endeavors!

Love,
Mom & Dad and P.J.

shailee kumar

We are so proud of your accomplishments at MHS. All the best at Notre Dame!!

Love
Dad, Mom & Shivi

nina ogrizovich

Dear Nina,

You are a perfect example of what a daughter can be -- loving and compassionate, beautiful and good, honest and principled, determined and independent, sensitive and intelligent. Continue to trust your inner voice as you spread your wings, and you will become everything you were meant to be. You have been our dream come ture and we are so proud of you.

We love you very much!
Tata, Mama and Pero

stephanie grabarczayk

Stephanie,

We are very proud of the person you have become and of all your accomplishments. May you have a life filled with love, happiness and success. Follow your dreams!

With all our love,
Dad, Mom and Sarah

2010-2011 Mustang Hockey Team
3A STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS!

Kneeling: Luke Dotto, Kyle Wargo*, Zach Peifer*, Pat O'Donnel, TJ Mancuso* **Standing:** Assistant Coach Bob DeGard, Jake Wayner, Jacob Loomis, Ethan Paskewicz, Joe Santelli, Marek Ghezzi, Drew Kerber*, Tyler Mehay, Doug Yokovich, Eric Kalis, Vince Kesic, Nick Santelli, Kyle Holdcraft, Tony Rubino*, Mitch Lyness*, Coach Rick Rubino

***Two-time State hockey champion 2009 & 2011**

Season Record: 25-11-2




Seniors Drew Kerber, Mitch Lyness, Tony Rubino, Kyle Wargo

kelsey dal polo

Kelsey,

Congratulations, We are so proud of you. The best is yet to come. Good luck.

Love You,
Mom and Dad

ben gonzalez

Benny,
Congratulations on all that you have accomplished at MHS! We are so proud of you!

Dad, Kathy,
Mikey & David

brendan hora

Brendan,
We have watched you grow into a wonderful young man. As long as you continue your kind ways, you will always suceed.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Alex

kristin augustyne

Congratulations our little firecracker. We are so proud of you. We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Zoie

john cristo

John,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you, and all of your accomplishments.

We, along with the rest of the world, are looking forward to what is yet to come. GO-John!!!!

Love ya,
Mom & Dad and Brother Paul

Orchestra

Congratulations 2011 Orchstra Seniors!
Thank you for your talent and your leadership.
We couldn't have done it without it you!

From,
Munster Orchestra parents

jonathan alvarez

Jonathan,

May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam. And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you're far from home.
Good luck at Notre Dame!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrew and Serena

kamryn klawitter

Kamryn,

We are so extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Continue to stay "the course" and no doubt you will reach your goals!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Austin and Adalyn

GOLF 9-12; TENNIS 9-10; SPANISH 9-10; DECA 9-12; NHS 12; WE THE PEOPLE; HOOSIERS GIRLS STATE

michael ortiz

Mike,
Time has flown by from preschool to high school graduation. Wow!! Best wishes! Reach for the stars!
Enjoy your college years at Ball State.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Martin, Arturo & Deana

amber & ariel callahan

Amber & Ariel,
Congratulations on all you have accomplished. I am so very proud of you both.
I wish you much success, happiness and love always.
Good luck at Purdue!

Love,
Mom

brandon goralczyk

Brandon Goralczyk,
Don't be reasonable in your desires; be bold and full of dreams. For now, another chapter of life begins, as you graduate into adulthood.

All of Our Love and Best Wishes,
Mom, Dad, Britanny, and Bradley

joel ratajack

Joel,
Good luck at IU!
We love you!

Mom, Dad,
Blake & Ellen

brandon weinberg

As always, you have made us very proud. You will be a success no matter where the future takes you. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Courtney

andrew compton

Andrew,
We are so proud of you! We wish you great success in the future.

Love,
Dad, Julie,
Evan, Taylor and
Berlyn

steve gehrig

Watching you grow into a fine young man has been such a joy and we are so very proud of you!

Congratulations, Steve, on this milestone in your life.

Love you Always
and Forever!
Mom, Dad and Matt

mark megremis

Mark,
Congratulations on your academic and musical successes!
Best wishes at IU.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Alex,
and Fannie Mae

samantha adler

Sam,

Where did the time go? My beautiful bright-eyed baby is all grown up. As you begin your next chapter in life, just know that I am so proud of the beautiful, intelligent adult that you have become. Just believe in yourself as I always have. Enjoy your time at NYU; you will have the time of your life! I will always love you and remember throughout your life, I will always be your biggest champion. You are my greatest achievement!

Love always,
Mom
XOXOXO

matt collison

Congratulations Matt! We are so proud of you for all that you are and all that you've done. We're going to miss our #82. Best wishes for success at Ball State!

Love you always!
Mom & Dad

julie puvogel

Congratulations on all your achievements! You have always made us proud. Always believe in yourself and you can accomplish anything.

Love,
Mom & Dad

steven zahariadis

Stavro,
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Stay true to yourself and continue striving to be your best. We have faith in you and know you will be successful. We love you!

Mom, Dad & Frankie

describe Munster in **one** word.

unsolvable- Rachael Spencer, sophomore
fluent- Lia Anderatos, freshman
magnificent- Claude Nunez, freshman
unpredictable- Gerado Garibay, senior
surburban- Bryce Barnett, sophomore
busy- Mia Torres, freshman
affluent- Kevin Yurasovich, freshman
memories- Noah Villaroman, sophomore
champions- Lauren Rouse, freshman
quaint- Elaine Zmuda, freshman
enthralling- Ameera Minhas, sophomore
small- Catie Swetlik, freshman
corrupt- Brandon Yaeger, freshman
weird- Amber Grove, freshman
gossip- Trey Taylor, sophomore
big- Jeanie Dedelow, senior
dull- Jeremy Stout, sophomore
obnoxious- Shannon Farrell, freshman
extravagant- Peter Panos, freshman
accepting- Caroline Beckman, freshman
redundant- Catherine Sobllo, sophomore
unreal- Ashley Talesky, freshman
friendly- Melissa Beary, senior
swell- Catherine Vlahos, senior
cool- Michael Ortiz, senior
ordinary- Deeva Khatiwada, freshman
school- Kate Novak, senior
unapplicable-Tiffany Troumoulians, freshman
extraordinary- Emma Witt, freshman
fantastic- Glen Pavlov, senior
good- Caren Decesaris, senior
crazy- Princess Johnson, senior
okay- Luis Dominguez, freshman
normal- Vijay Narayan, freshman
munster- Ricky Cox, junior
spirited- Jasmin Carvajal, junior
intense- Maritza Contreras, freshman
super- Joe Alvarado, senior

sarah clusserath

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Sarah,
We are so proud of your successes so far. You have the best of times coming right ahead of you. May your future be exciting and fulfill your dreams and goals.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jessica

george howard

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We are all so proud of who you've become and what you've accomplished!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Pat

kori kirby

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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Kori,
Your determination and work ethic will lead you to accomplish all your goals.

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Elle

lauren johnson

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Lauren,
Congratulations on your graduation from high school. We are so proud of you! Good luck at Indy. Make all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom & Dad

omar garcia

senior salute **senior salute** senior salut

We hope that you continue your life as great as you have so far.

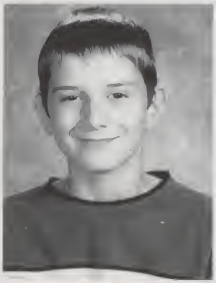
Love,
Mom, Alvaro, Priscilla and Verania

anthony rubino

Nice Job Tony. Take it to a new level moving forward.

Love,
Mom, Dad and
Sarah

matthew paunicka



Matthew,
Congratulations
on your
accomplishments.
Wishing you
happiness and success
at IU!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrea &
David

rachel nelson

Go confidently in
the direction of your
dreams and you will
succeed. We are so
proud of you

Love,
Mom & Dad

rebecca bernardi

Rebecca Bernardi,
Congratulations on
your graduation
from high school.
We are proud of
what you have
accomplished so
far, and look for
much more as you
go into college.
You have grown
up before our eyes
and are wonderful
daughter, sister,
granddaughter,
cousin and friend to
many.

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Phil

kevin behrens & joseph crisman

Kevin and Joe,

Last but not least! Your hard work and dedication has paid off. We are all so proud of you! Can't wait to cheer you on at Auburn and Loyola!

Love you both!

Behrens and Crisman families

brooks platt

As you venture off to new beginnings, remember: God may control the wind but only you control the sails.

We love you Brooks!
Mom, Dad,
Ozzie
and the
brothers

michael mckechnie

Oh the places you'll go!
With your head full of brains
And your shoes full of feet
Your bright promising future
Is sure hard to beat!

Love,
Mom, Dad
Megan and Mark

BOILER UP!!

alexa larock-ilickovich

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Alexa,

From bunny suits to dresses, you have blossomed into a beautiful, wonderful daughter. We are so proud of you.

Look out Florida... go Mocs!

Love,
Mom & Dad

munster band backers

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Congratulations Class of 2011

Samantha Adler, Adrienne Ault, Emily Carlson, Haley Conger, Stephanie Grabarczyk, Ben Jones, Nirlep Kaur, Liz Lewandowski, Ashley Martin, Drew Mendez, Bryan Ong, Anastasia Papadatos, Joel Ratajack, Catherine Vlahos, Hannah Wagner, Chris Yothment

Our Senior Marching Mustangs, Color Guard, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band & Pep Band

"Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music."

George Eliot

mrs. nancy hastings

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Dear H,

Thank you for temporarily coming out of retirment for us. You have taught us so much We hope you enjoy your free time and can't wait to see you next year in Pub and at conventions.

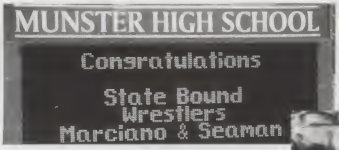
You may have said that you were "just a sub," but you will always be more to us.

Love,
The Publications Staff

collin lopez

Dearest Collin,
May you never stop learning, never stop growing, never stop becoming all you were meant to be! We love you!
Mom, Dad, Brandon and Aunt Nancy

jack seaman



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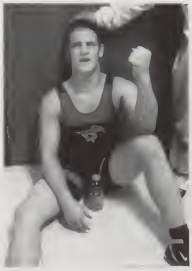

chris wadlow

Congratulations Chris! We are so proud of who you are! May you be blessed with love and prosperity in all you do. We know you will excel at Purdue-West Lafayette! Live life!
We love you always,
Mom and Dad

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adam stepanovic

Adam,
We are so proud of how hard you have worked and of all that you have accomplished. We wish you continued success and happiness at Notre Dame and always we love you!

Mom, Dad and Kristina

ashley spitz

Ashley,

Continue to believe and dream BIG!
Love,
Mom & Dad

brianna meyer

Brianna Meyer,

You have grown into a beautiful and confident young woman. We are proud of all your accomplishments. Good luck at Indiana University!

Love,
Mom and Dad

dillon thompson

Dillon,
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments at Munster High School. Good luck and enjoy your next four years at Yale!! We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dustin, Brandon and Matt

jessica banaszak

Congratulations Jessica!

You are our shining star!

We love you,
Mom & Dad

michael goldenberg

You will always be our shining star. We couldn't be prouder of all of your amazing accomplishments and the funny brilliant and talented young man you've become. We wish you every success and happiness and can't wait to see what comes next!

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Ben and Harry

kaitlyn hobbs

Congratulations on all you have accomplished. Wishing you joy and success always. Good luck at IU!

Love,
Mom, Ross and Bailey

christopher yothment

Congratulations, Chris!!!

Great adventures and opportunities are yours for the taking at PURDUE – you've got the whole world as your stage!!

Wishing you every success in college and beyond -
We love you and couldn't be prouder!

Mom, Dad, Meagan
and Gateway

kaelyn toth

"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them," (Walt Disney). Believe in yourself and you will reach the stars. You have always been our sunshine and shining star. We know you will "not look back" but go after your dreams with courage and determination. We are so proud of who you are.

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Patrick

jenna pagane

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Jenna Pagane

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Continue to grow and develop into the beautiful person we know and love.
Remember- set your goals high and never stop believing in yourself. You can achieve anything you want with hard work, desire and dedication.

Love always,
Mom, Dad & Kristen
BOILER UP!!

ricardo carbajal

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Congratulations, Ricardo! We love you! Good luck in college!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
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Michael,
Congrats! We are so proud of you!

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Abigail, Olivia,
Isabelle & Lillie

publications seniors

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Thank you so much for all of your hard work this year!

Love,
The Publications
Staff

joseph hemingway

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We want to say a special congratulations to Hannah Leary who was recognized as the Best Buddies Indiana High School Chapter President of the Year 2011. Hannah was selected from over 40 other students for this award that recognizes her hard work and dedication to Best Buddies and our mission of friendship for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Congratulations goes out to the entire Munster Best Buddies program because you were recognized as the Best Buddies Indiana Outstanding Rookie High School Chapter of the Year 2011

"I would like to thank all the students, faculty administrators for making my high school life a PARTY."

-Mr. Joe

Mission Statement:

To establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

spencer newell

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Dear Spencer,
You fill our hearts with happiness, you fill our hearts with joy. If you approach the future with the determination and sucess you've shown in the past, your future at IU and beyond will be terrific! We are so very proud of all your accomplishments. Rememberber, anything is possible.
Love,
Mom, Dad
Vanessa, Wiasand, Marley

describe Munster in **one** word.

ridiculous- Alexandra Lodewyck, senior
political- Jolie Watson, sophomore
stepping-stone- Ele Chakraborty, senior
miserable-Ashley Sprinkles, freshman
trustworthy- Zain Haddad, sohpmore
groups- Megan Sellberg, sophomore
sophisticated- Omar Garcia, senior
school- Miles Gunty, sophomore
strange- Kasey Kulesa, freshman
peaceful- Eric Deleson, sophomore
unforgettable- Mokeva Carter, sophomore
community- Michael Mavity, senior
bland- Lindsay Rozynek, sophomore
indescribable- Casey Griffen, sophomore
athletic- Rachel Shmagranoff, senior
party- Joseph Hemingway, senior
outstanding- David Hladek, freshman
excellence- Christian Catania, junior
intuitive- Michelle Pietruszka, freshman
classy- Elaina Etter, freshman
strict- Elijah Banus, senior
notable- Beatriz Costa-Lima, junior
advanced- Jessica Avina, freshman
unpleasureable- Jessica Lapa, sophomore
high-school- Nick Powell, freshman
experienced- Michael Pukosyak, junior
spirited- Joann Wakefield, junior
fake- Jenna White, junior
great- Justin Rios, sophomore
best- Colin Richter, freshman
educational- Kailee Loughlin, freshman
interesting- Natalia Hernandez, freshman

describe Munster in **one** word.

educated- Gina Saez, freshman
dumb- Ally Schooler, sophomore
fun- Jonathan Arroyo, sophomore
stuck-up- Jackie Ashley, sophomore
annoying- Mason Dinga, sophomore
greatness- Luke Smith, senior
growing- Mark Holcomb, senior
lame- Jeff Alvarez, senior
uninteresting- George Asya-Broughton, freshman
stuck-up- Lauren Vasquez, senior
decent- Hannah White, sophomore
interesting- Brandon Goralczyk, senior
diverse- Kayla Keith, junior
expensive- Zoe Plawecki, sophomore
competitive- Cede Plawecki, freshman
enticing- Evan Fus, freshman
talented- Matt Collison, senior
unimaginable-Carrie Boelt, sophomore
lucky- Ben Nichols, sophomore
drama-Zaria Suggs, freshman
shady-Jen Allen, sophomore
ridiculous- Gabby Ramirez, sophomore
changing- Allison Boyle, junior
bland-Kyle Erminger, sophomore
dramatic- Monah Musleh, senior
quiet-David Pasos, sophomore
home-Erin Chant, sophomore
flabbergasting-Madyson Moyer, sophomore
backbone -Brittaney Bermingham, senior
entertaining-Nick Loughlin, sophomore
funster-Dana Owens, sophomore
athletic-Alison Engle, sophomore
exceptional-Julian Everett, sophomore
irresolute- Anika Gasich, sophomore
independent-Julia Adams, sophomore
awesome-Melissa Stone, junior
smart- Neeta Patwari, freshman

madame alyce mart-webb

Madame,

Félicitations,
Thank you for all the support! We hope you enjoy your retirement.

Love,
The Publications Staff

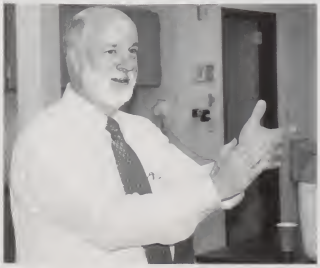
mr. bruce curme

Mr. Curme.

Thank you for all you've done for the school and the Academic Teams.
We hope you enjoy retirement!

Love,
The Publications Staff

mr. david russell



Mr. Russell,

Thank you for all you've done for us over the years. We hope to see you in and out of the Pub after you retire!
We wish you the best!

Love,
The Publications Staff

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we...

find the details

added pears to recipes during the first Iron Chef Competition

bought sandwiches at the new Panera Bread

crawled under desks for the largest earthquake drill in the state

drove down to Indy to cheer on the basketball team in the Final Four

ended the year by saying farewell to our favorite teachers

flew 37 students to Orlando, FL for DECA Internationals

got pumped for homecoming with an outdoor pep rally

held signs to protest at the teacher rally

introduced a friendship club called Best Buddies

jumped into the new pool

Kicked the marching season into high gear by qualifying for Semistate

lined up in the cafeteria every other Tuesday to buy Buffalo Bites

moved our cars to the North parking lot

named the Freshman Class winners of the spirit competition

Organized the first PowderPuff football game

placed 10th at We the People Nationals in Washington D.C.

q ualified for Boys' Cross Country State

r ode roller coasters on the choir trip to Cedar Point

S urvived the Blizzard of 2011

took advantage of over $3 million in college scholarships

Viewed *Jersey Shore* every Thursday night

Won first with a one point lead at the Speech State tournament

Yelled and cheered in the new student section at football games

Zoom on a hold as 16 year olds waited six months to drive

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the story behind the hectic making of 2011 paragon

Not knowing what to expect with a new adviser entering the family, the two returning writers and two new ones prepared themselves for a whole new journey. Going from five to four writers and only three photographers, the dwindling staff size seemed like a tough obstacle to overcome. At first, the task seemed impossible. Sending the first pages in February, things didn't look good for the team. Struggling to meet deadlines, the staff dug themselves into a deep hole.

With fourth quarter right around the corner, the staff was in crunch time. Mrs. Hoyle left for maternity leave, so Mama H came to the rescue. Adjusting to two advisers' schedules, the staff did what they could. Working 20 hours a week pushed school and all life in general behind for one thing: yearbook.

After spending such ridiculous amounts of time together, the two pairs of writers became one. They found things out about each other that they didn't want to know… Aamina's booming voice screeching, "Let's go mini golfing!" echoed through the North hallways and earned her the name of "the sophomore." Ally, Christiann and Parina giggled at her ways. J-Lo's "On the Floor" resounded from every glowing Mac in the Pub.

Despite the slow start, the staff kicked it into high gear from March to June. Completing the entire yearbook in this time, the staff earned themselves a summer free of yearbook. Visits from baby Finn brightened their day, and the staff tried its hardest to make his first word "Pub." With new friends and great memories, the staff colored in the last portion of the ladder, satisfied with their work.

The staff couldn't have done anything without Mrs. Hastings or Mrs. Hoyle. Both advisers guided the staff to success.

Paragon Volume 46 "This is How We Do It" was printed by Herff Jones, 2525 Midpoint Dr., Edwardsville, KS 66111 with the aid of in-plant Customer Service Advisor Lisa Merino. With a press run of 1,050 the 208-page book featured 100 lb. Bordaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost $47; while late May orders rose to $60.

The book features a staff created four-color litho cover with gloss lamination. Design inspiration came from an ACT magazine.

Inspiration for the theme "This is How We Do It" found its way to the writers when they brainstormed the five W's and H of Munster. The writers wanted to show the uniqueness of Munster and how Munster specifically did it.

They created the look using the various magazines and art magazines from a trip to Borders. The colors were chosen based on the colors used in the ACT magazine.

The yearbook theme pages featured AHJ Sans font, while the rest of the book used Myriad Pro and Palatino.

All pages were designed using Adobe CS4 InDesign and Photoshop. While most of the photos were shot with Nikon D70s, digital cameras, the staff photographers shot, processed and printed approximately 10 percent of the photos with black and white Ilford HP5 400 film. Haltermann/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclassmen and senior portraits, as well as group shots, formal dances, and some play production candids.

A special thanks to Mr. David Russell for all of those sport team group shots, whom the staff would like to wish a happy well-deserved retirement; the Crier staff, especially Bia and Kale, because they helped with anything they could, even on their own time.

The four writers cherished Happy Hastings' return, and there are no words to express the gratitude the staff has for both Mrs. Hastings' and Mrs. Hoyle's flexibility. They did a great job of putting up with the Paragon staff.

Curious as to what she's holding, Viharika Peddi, junior, tries to figure out a project means with Bethany Pastrana, junior in Mr. Wertin's Honors English class. "For the project, we were basically allowed to do anything we wanted that was our own interpretation of the book 'Catcher in the Rye,'" Viharika said. "It was a project that let creativity take a huge part in and being able to see what others came up with was interesting.

Screaming her head off at the Homecoming football game, Kelsey Surma, senior, cheers on the Mustangs. "I showed school spirit by coming to all the games this year and just supporting and encouraging my boys," Kelsey said. "I enjoyed how excited everyone was."

At the end of the year German Club party, seniors Luke Kurowski and Jake Smith enjoy yogurt, water and crackers. "I loved German Club because it gave me a chance to experience new facets of German culture while hanging out with friends I knew and loved," Luke said. "German food's great taste was a plus, too."

raising voices

After handing in our sixth hour final exam, we watch the minute hand tick slowly towards 2:45 p.m., awaiting that monotonous bell to sound and free us all. Resounding throughout the school, the bell rings and we break away from our restricting desks, bolting towards the hall to clean out our lockers. Slamming our lockers shut, we walk alongside our friends towards summer, thinking what we're leaving behind.

Recalling accomplishments, we remember qualifying 18 runners for Girls' and Boys' Track State where three placed. As we witnessed Osama Bin Laden's death over the news, we celebrated We the People's 10th place at Nationals in Washington DC. Along with achievements, we reminisce about the positive changes we made. From participating in the first Best Buddies walk to volunteering for Parks and Recreation, we served the community.

As we made a difference, we adapted to differences, too. Enjoying three and a half snow days and swimming in the Aquatic Center were only a few firsts. Along with the new, we upheld traditions. From eating at the Speech and Debate Chicken BBQ to camping outside the Food Court at 3 a.m. for parking spots, we continued cherished customs.

Spending 180 days with familiar faces, we created new relationships while building on old ones. Whether going to see Hangover 2 together or sleeping over in the gym for a cross country lock in, we bonded with each other and created lasting memories.

Strolling through the auditorium hallway towards the parking lot, we think about the unforgettable summer nights that lie ahead. As we walk out the door, the sunlight blinds us and we roar in excitement. Looking at the chaotic celebration, we think

this is how we did it

With only the thought of winning on his mind, Robert Vogel, junior, prepares to make a goal. "Our season went good, we won Sectionals but lost to the State champions, Lake Central," Robert said. "Everybody worked hard to win Sectionals and to play Lake Central in Regionals. Next time we see them, we'll make it a good game."

during AP Biology, Aesha Maniar, senior, works with seniors Kaylee Brandon and Kaitlyn Plewniak on a DNA fingerprinting lab. "We had to write down data from gels that we made in the lab," Aesha said. "The labs were a nice change of pace from just reading and lectures."

Standing nervously as her portrait is taken, Rebecca Bernardi, senior, awaits her turn to walk on stage with Heather Boyan, senior, to recieve her diploma. After hearing her peers' speeches, the emotions overwhelmed her, according to Rebecca. "I was so nervous," Rebecca said. "I was about to cry. What they said was so beautiful; it really shook me up. I felt so much pride being in the class of 2011 and all that we had accomplished when I finally recieved my diploma."